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Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class III
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Leads to Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
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Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS3494 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
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Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (on west end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

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	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

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 Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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 Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	BLM 632
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.49 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Pasture Fence
	Monitoring Site
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Gate
	Private Fence

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS3426, SS3239, SS3353, SS3354, SS3375, SS3388, SS3389, SS3392, SS3397, SS3404, SS3419, SS3434, SS3440, SS3454, SS3488, SS3489, SS3490, SS3494, SS3499, SS3513.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.33 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS3513 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Monitoring Site
	Pasture Fence
	Private Fence

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
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Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS3513 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
	Private Fence
	Pasture Fence
	Monitoring Site

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class III
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist
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 Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.54 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS3239 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Camping Vehicle Exploring Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (south end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

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Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS3517 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Geocaching

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

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 Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist
Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator
Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Private Fence Gate Livestock Watering Access Livestock Trailing
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Vehicle Exploring Cultural / Historical Viewing Equestrian Hiking

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	Leads to, crosses National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT)
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Other (Dam)
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Vehicle Exploring
	Shooting/Archery
	Birding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	Within 1 mile of National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT)
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Burdock) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hill Climbing

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class III
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	Crosses Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

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Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.71 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Spring Development
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Hunting Vehicle Exploring Camping Photography Sightseeing Bicycling / Mountain Biking Hiking Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive Bicycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In Public Water Reserve In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.31 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Enclosure Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
	In Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area
	In, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
	In Public Water Reserve
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)
	Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, which minimizes the potential for vandalism of authorized structures.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, which minimizes the potential for vandalism of authorized structures.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Mike Tweddell, Dave Jacobson, Kyle Smith, Jordan Davis): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Buckhorn/Wedge Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.6 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista (Little Grand Canyon Overlook)
	Interpretive Site
	Parking Area - Developed
	Trailhead
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Hiking
	Trail Running
	Geocaching
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	2WD vehicle
	Bicycle
	By Foot

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/11/2023 -Jaydon Mead, Dana Truman, Mike Tweddell, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman Stephanie Howard, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Moore Cutoff/Dutch Flats Network Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Desert bighorn lambing area Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/11/2023 -Jaydon Mead, Dana Truman, Mike Tweddell, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman Stephanie Howard, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/11/2023 -Jaydon Mead, Dana Truman, Mike Tweddell, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman Stephanie Howard, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the trailhead and vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/11/2023 -Jaydon Mead, Dana Truman, Mike Tweddell, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman Stephanie Howard, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

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Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist
Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	CoB 345; BLM 6582
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 7.15 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B. Swasey's Cabin Rd. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Corral
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site
	Pasture Fence
	Water Haul Site
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Trailhead
Activities	Parking Area - Developed
	Interpretive Site
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	OHV Destination Route
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Equestrian
Modes of Transportation	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Geocaching
	Hiking
	Rock Hounding
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive
	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006 SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co B 3852; BLM 345
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 7.08 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B. Rod's Valley Rd. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
	R.S. 2477 claim
	Commercial Rec Permit
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site
	Water Haul Site
	Other (Rain gauge)
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	OHV Destination Route
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Equestrian
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Geocaching
	Hiking
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive
	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In, leads to WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In, leads to WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co B 336 and 341	
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area			
Length: 4.26 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class:	Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector			
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM			

Additional Information: County Class B. George's Draw Rd.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit Water Rights R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Cattleguard Corral Pond/Dam/Reservoir Gate Livestock Watering Access Mineral Supplement Location Well/Windmill Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Geocaching
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive
	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In, leads to WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash Leads to Well Crosses Public Water Reserve
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Fugitive dust - High potential (East end of route)
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co B 340 Sinbad Well Rd
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 1.46 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Use Level:	High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Cattleguard
	Corral
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Gate
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Well/Windmill
	Tank/Trough
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Geocaching
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive
	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative D

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co B 340 Sinbad Well Rd.	
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road	Use Level: Medium
Length: 0.47 mi.	Width: Graded Track			
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection			
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM			

Additional Information: County Class B.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
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• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit R.S. 2477 claim Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Cattleguard Corral Livestock Watering Access Mineral Supplement Location Well/Windmill Tank/Trough

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Geocaching
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive
	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class III
	In WHB Herd Area
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	Crosses Intermittent stream
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
	Leads to Well
	In Public Water Reserve
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)
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Potential Alternative Route Designations

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Continued use of this route would minimize conflicts among various users of public land by providing access to other public land areas beyond the urban interface, reducing user concentrations and the potential for impacts to documented resources within the urban interface. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	BLM 927	
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area			
Length: 1.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class:	Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection			
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM			

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Corral
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Tank/Trough

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Modified 4 Wheel Drive
	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006 SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.7 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Gate
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

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OPEN

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Recreational Uses

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

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OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.42 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
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Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
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Activities	Camping
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Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
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Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
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Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
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Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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Route Type(s):	Spur		
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Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Type	Description
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VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.54 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.02 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/17/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist
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 Marc Johson, Natural Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Rock Hounding
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician
Marc Johson, Natural Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4014 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician
Marc Johson, Natural Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	BLM 6852
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.42 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by BLM and County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D. Swasey's Cabin/Rod's Valley.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pasture Fence
	Other (Cattle underpass)
	Monitoring Site
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Camping
	OHV Destination Route
	Sightseeing
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Rock Hounding
	Geocaching
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/17/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.47 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit R.S. 2477 claim Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Pond/Dam/Reservoir Livestock Trailing
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pasture Fence Other (Cattle underpass) Monitoring Site

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Camping
	OHV Destination Route
	Sightseeing
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Rock Hounding
	Geocaching
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.01 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped (Multiple)
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Steep slopes Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (southeast half of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Lone Warrior Road
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 0.53 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Trailhead
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative C

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	<p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p>
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	<p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p>
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources? <p>Route SS4035 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.</p>	YES

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

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Type	Description
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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Designation would promote safety of all users of public land by providing a managed transportation asset subject to condition assessments and an appropriate level of routine maintenance. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Designation would promote safety of all users of public land by providing a managed transportation asset subject to condition assessments and an appropriate level of routine maintenance. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician
Jim Davis, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS4037 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/17/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.26 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): 0

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): 0

Alternative D	
	<p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route is open to all users, year-round.</p> <p><u>Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability. • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats. <p><u>How Designation Addresses Criteria Above:</u> This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.</p> <p><u>Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:</u> <i>(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) <p><u>Memo(s):</u> IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): 0</p>

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
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Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
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VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 6/17/2020

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 Jim Davis, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.44 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	By Foot

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In, leads to ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.3 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Closing this route to OHV use could reduce the potential for impacts to sites of tribal significance by eliminating motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Closing this route to OHV use could reduce the potential for impacts to sites of tribal significance by eliminating motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

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Range Facilities	Active Allotment
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Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Closing this route to OHV use could reduce the potential for impacts to sites of tribal significance by eliminating motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.31 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
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Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Trailhead
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Alternative C

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Alternative D

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

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• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
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Type	Description
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Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Closing this route to OHV use could reduce the potential for impacts to sites of tribal significance by eliminating motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/17/2020

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 Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician
 Jim Davis, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Corral Water Haul Site Tank/Trough
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Sightseeing Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In, leads to ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician
Jim Davis, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Leads to ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Eagle Canyon; BLM 820
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.9 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Minimally by County; BLM
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim Commercial Rec Permit Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Livestock Trailing Livestock Watering Access Other (Undeveloped spring) Cattleguard
Mineral Facilities	Allotment Fence Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Parking Area - Undeveloped Trailhead
Activities	Vehicle Exploring OHV Destination Route Hunting Photography Sightseeing Hiking Cultural / Historical Viewing Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Rock Hounding Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	In, crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In Steep slopes (East end of route) In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton; Burdock) In, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Designation would promote safety of all users of public land by providing a managed transportation asset subject to condition assessments and an appropriate level of routine maintenance. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	BLM 822
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 3.67 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Minimally by BLM, County
Surface:	Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	Mining		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Undeveloped springs)
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In WHB Herd Area In, leads to WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In, crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (south end of route)) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar (south end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co B 1024 Family Butte
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 5.51 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit R.S. 2477 claim Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Pond/Dam/Reservoir Monitoring Site
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Sightseeing Hiking Canyoneering Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	In, crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, crosses Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Designation would promote safety of all users of public land by providing a managed transportation asset subject to condition assessments and an appropriate level of routine maintenance. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co B 1019 Red's Canyon
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Wilderness Inventory
Length: 11.64 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Use Level:	High Road
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Surface:	Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site
	Corral
	Spring Development
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Gate
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Interpretive Site
Activities	Trailhead
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking
	Canyoneering
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	OHV Destination Route
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	River Rafting/Floating
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Leads to ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In, crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash Within 200 meters of Spring Within 100 meters of Well
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses PFYC Class 4 - High Crosses Steep slopes Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Leads to Public safety issue

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

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Alternative B

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.39 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County, BLM
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	NO
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Gate
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In, leads to WHB Herd Area In, leads to WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Designation would promote safety of all users of public land by providing a managed transportation asset subject to condition assessments and an appropriate level of routine maintenance. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Designation would promote safety of all users of public land by providing a managed transportation asset subject to condition assessments and an appropriate level of routine maintenance. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.99 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In, leads to WHB Herd Area In, leads to WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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Marc Johson, Natural Resource Specialist
Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.83 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4060 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 4 - High Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Designation would promote safety of all users of public land by providing a managed transportation asset subject to condition assessments and an appropriate level of routine maintenance. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 6/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.54 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (West end of route)
Resource Issues	Leads to Public safety issue

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Potential Management Actions:

Mitigation: Signing - Interpretive

Monitoring: Adverse effects to significant resources

Potential management actions may be incorporated with an overall monitoring strategy that would assess the status and/or integrity of the potentially impacted sensitive resource or resource issues identified as they relate to various external factors, e.g., climate cycles, exotic species introduction, visitor use levels (type, intensity, and season of use), etc. Monitoring data that indicate a decline in resource integrity or reveal methods of mitigation that proved to be unsuccessful would then trigger adaptive and appropriate responses aimed at restoring integrity or successfully mitigating undesirable conditions.

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Potential Management Actions:

Mitigation: Signing - Interpretive

Monitoring: Adverse effects to significant resources

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Potential Management Actions:

Mitigation: Signing - Interpretive

Monitoring: Adverse effects to significant resources

Potential management actions may be incorporated with an overall monitoring strategy that would assess the status and/or integrity of the potentially impacted sensitive resource or resource issues identified as they relate to various external factors, e.g., climate cycles, exotic species introduction, visitor use levels (type, intensity, and season of use), etc. Monitoring data that indicate a decline in resource integrity or reveal methods of mitigation that proved to be unsuccessful would then trigger adaptive and appropriate responses aimed at restoring integrity or successfully mitigating undesirable conditions.

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	AML site

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Leads to Public safety issue

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Sightseeing Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
	Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.61 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei) In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses PFYC Class 2 - Low

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
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Type	Description
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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
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	Sightseeing
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Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
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Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

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Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
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Resource Type	Description
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Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
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VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

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Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

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Alternative D

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Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

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• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
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Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei) In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Designation would promote safety of all users of public land by providing a managed transportation asset subject to condition assessments and an appropriate level of routine maintenance.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei) In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In, leads to WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei) In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Leads to Public safety issue

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.55 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
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Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

***Note:** Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.*

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS4060 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.6 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.96 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	AML site
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Leads to Public safety issue

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to an historic mine feature, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High Leads to, crosses Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to an historic mine feature, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
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Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Leads to Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

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This route is open to all users, year-round.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.85 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/18/2020

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 Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist
 Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 6/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.3 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Leads to Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.33 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Steep slopes Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Recreational Uses

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Activities	Vehicle Exploring

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Steep slopes Leads to Route proliferation Leads to Public safety issue

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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 Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.78 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
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Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In WHB Herd Management Area In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low

***Note:** Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.*

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Well
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Corral
	Spring Development
	Exclosure Fence
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Pipeline
	Well/Windmill
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Staging Area
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring Within 100 meters of Well
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the trailhead, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the trailhead, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Reclaiming
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 200 meters of Spring Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co B 1012
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.51 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: High Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B. Temple Jct/Hidden Splendor Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Gate
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Airport/Airstrip

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Hunting Photography Sightseeing Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV 2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Leads to WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In, crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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 David Halverson, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4136 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4136 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
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Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
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	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
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Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
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Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4136 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 6/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.01 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route are not designated in the RMP.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.7 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In WHB Herd Area
	In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	Crosses Steep slopes
	In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)
	In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.46 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, crosses Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mine features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mine features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.26 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash In, crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle (east end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Tyson Todd, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 4.45 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights (For cattle in streambed)
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash In, crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.42 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights (For cattle in streambed)

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.92 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur; Y Intersection; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Undeveloped spring)
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle (south end of route)) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar (north end))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/13/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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Rebecca Anderson, Geologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.39 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co B 1020; Hanni Mine Rd
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 0.98 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Surface:	Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Interpretive Site
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Leads to Mine hazard In, crosses Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In WHB Herd Area
	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High
	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
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Evaluation Information

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream In Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4162 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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 Rebecca Anderson, Geologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.78 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4162 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p>Area Designation: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p> <p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In WHB Herd Area
	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/13/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	CoB 1019; Reds Canyon
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Wilderness Inventory
Length: 6.71 mi.	Width: Graded Track		Use Level: High Road
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Surface:	Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site
	Mining claim
	Mineral materials sales site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Staging Area
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Wash In, crosses Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring Crosses Public Water Reserve
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Loop; Y Intersection; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Public Water Reserve
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.71 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/13/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
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Modes of Transportation	UTV
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Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush
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VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High In Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

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LIMITED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/13/2020

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 Rebecca Anderson, Geologist
 Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim
	Uranium district

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 7/13/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/13/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/1/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Reclaiming
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	Mineral materials sales site

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
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• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

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Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
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Length: 1.51 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian Crosses Public Water Reserve
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Boat Ramp
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	River Rafting/Floating
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the river, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the river, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the river, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

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Range Facilities	Active Allotment

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Riparian
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.32 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4194 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Perennial stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.52 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Perennial stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mine features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In Steep slopes In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route are not designated in the RMP.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4204 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
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	Vehicle Exploring
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Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

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Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
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Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	River Rafting/Floating
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Boat Ramp
	Parking Area - Undeveloped

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/13/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Boat Ramp Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography Cultural / Historical Viewing River Rafting/Floating
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Wash Within 100 meters of Perennial stream
Misc. Resources	Crosses Riparian In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4175 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.25 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.3 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Boat Ramp Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography River Rafting/Floating
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
	In Migratory bird high-value habitat
	Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In WHB Herd Area
	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Perennial stream
	Within 100 meters of Riparian
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)
	In, leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the river, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist Rebecca Anderson, Geologist Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p>	<p>Kegen Benson, Biologist Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS4175 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Wash In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Boat Ramp
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	River Rafting/Floating
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Wash Leads to Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Riparian
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to w

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Wash Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, leads to, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.55 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to an historic feature, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to an historic feature, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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David Halverson, Legal Counsel
Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.33 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Riparian
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Leads to Noxious weeds (Russian olive; Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.65 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
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	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Russian olive; Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.39 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Russian olive; Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	CoB 1019; Red Canyon
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.24 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Cattleguard
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Hunting Photography Sightseeing Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle 2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co B 1012
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 18.06 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B. Temple Jct/Hidden Splendor Rd. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim ROW - Other (Airstrip) Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Cattleguard Pond/Dam/Reservoir Allotment Fence Corral Gate Mineral Supplement Location Monitoring Site Water Haul Site
Mineral Facilities	Free use pit

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista Parking Area - Undeveloped Staging Area
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Hunting Photography Sightseeing Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle 2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Leads to, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Fugitive dust - High potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mine features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Derek Givens

Initial Evaluation Date: 2/14/2024

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Adam Robison , New User	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.89 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class B. Temple Jct/Hidden Splendor Rd. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	ROW - Other (Airstrip)
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Cattleguard
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence
	Corral
	Gate
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site
	Water Haul Site
Mineral Facilities	Free use pit

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Staging Area
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Leads to, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Fugitive dust - High potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Aircraft, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Aircraft, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist</p> <p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p>	<p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>David Halverson, Legal Counsel</p> <p>Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Natural Area In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (End of road) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Water Haul Site

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Water Haul Site

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist</p> <p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p>	<p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>David Halverson, Legal Counsel</p> <p>Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Water Haul Site
Mineral Facilities	Free use pit

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist</p> <p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p>	<p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>David Halverson, Legal Counsel</p> <p>Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Water Haul Site
	Corral

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co D 3917; Baptist Draw
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Wilderness Inventory Road
Length: 3.31 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.78 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist
David Halverson, Legal Counsel
Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.98 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Other (Trap)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character and impairment of wilderness suitability would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.89 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir Monitoring Site

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 10.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Crosses Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (<i>Halogeton</i>)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.42 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? 	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? 	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any other resources of concern? 	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Crosses Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators:

Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Kegen Benson , Biologist
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Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 6.94 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	OHV Destination Route UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography Cultural / Historical Viewing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Crosses Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4226 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

***Note:** Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.*

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators:

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Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst	Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Natural Area In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist
Rebecca Anderson, Geologist
Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators:

Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Kegen Benson , Biologist
Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist
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Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Rebecca Anderson , Geologist
Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst	Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4226 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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Rebecca Anderson, Geologist
Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist</p> <p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p> <p>Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst</p> <p>Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist</p>	<p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA: San Rafael Swell TMA Management Zone: Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area Length: 0.39 mi.	Width: Graded Track Class: Wilderness Inventory Road Use Level: Low
Route Type(s): Spur Surface: Bladed Origin: None identified by IDT Jurisdictions: BLM	Maintained: Regularly by County Constructed: None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	YES YES NO YES NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Other (Airstrip)
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Other (Airstrip, frequently used)
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive Ultra-Lite Aircraft

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Floodplain
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Aircraft, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. By limiting access on this route to only aircraft use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced due to lower traffic volume. By restricting public access to aircraft, the potential for impacting special status species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Limiting this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Aircraft, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. By limiting access on this route to only aircraft use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced due to lower traffic volume. By restricting public access to aircraft, the potential for impacting special status species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Limiting this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Floodplain
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Aircraft, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. By limiting access on this route to only aircraft use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced due to lower traffic volume. By restricting public access to aircraft, the potential for impacting special status species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Aircraft, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.37 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Boat Ramp (Takeout) Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping River Rafting/Floating
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native) In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Floodplain
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the river, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the river, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the river, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.51 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist</p> <p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p> <p>Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst</p> <p>Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist</p>	<p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.02 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators:

Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Kegen Benson , Biologist
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Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator	Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist
Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Rebecca Anderson , Geologist
Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst	Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
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Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.26 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton) Leads to Mine hazard

***Note:** Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.*

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route to OHV use would promote of safety of all users of public land by eliminating access to an area with known hazards where mitigation is not feasible.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route to OHV use would promote of safety of all users of public land by eliminating access to an area with known hazards where mitigation is not feasible.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4226 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Leads to Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA: San Rafael Swell TMA Management Zone: Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area Length: 0.82 mi.	Width: Dual Track Class: Wilderness Inventory Road Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s): Connector Surface: None identified by IDT Origin: None identified by IDT Jurisdictions: BLM; State Land	Maintained: Minimally by County Constructed: None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	OHV Destination Route
	Hiking
	Canyoneering
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In WHB Herd Area
	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.17 mi.	Width: ATV Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	OHV Destination Route
	Hiking
	Canyoneering
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash In Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 52" vehicle width, year-round.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 52" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting vehicle width to 52" wide or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Behind the Reef
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Wilderness Inventory
Length: 6.99 mi.	Width: Dual Track		Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Minimally by County, BLM
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	OHV Destination Route
	Hiking
	Canyoneering
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	CoB 1016; Behind the Reef
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Wilderness Inventory
Length: 6.7 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Use Level:	High Road
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Regularly by County, BLM
Surface:	Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site
	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Trailhead
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring OHV Destination Route Photography Hiking Canyoneering Cultural / Historical Viewing Sightseeing Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive 2WD vehicle Bicycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class I In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.29 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	Crosses Wash In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.52 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
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Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

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CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes (Upslope)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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Alternative D

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.41 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Activities	Camping
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Modes of Transportation	UTV
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None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

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Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Alternative C

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OPEN

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Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
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Additional Information: None.

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• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
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Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes (Upslope)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character and impairment of wilderness suitability would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hiking
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hiking
	Photography
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Natural Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Wash In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character and impairment of wilderness suitability would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.38 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Trailhead
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class I In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Hiking
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4282 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Hiking
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Sightseeing
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/15/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist

Brianne Emery, Natural Resources Planner
Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4281 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Hiking
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Sightseeing
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/15/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Hiking
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Hiking
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Temple Mountain Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4288 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Hiking
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
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Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/26/2023 Jayden Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Stephanie Howard, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Hiking
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In WHB Herd Area
	In Natural Area
	Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	BLM 850
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.47 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class:	Primitive Road
Route Type(s):	Spur	Use Level:	Medium
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	OHV Destination Route
	Geocaching
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hiking
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
Modes of Transportation	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Natural Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic mining features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.44 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hiking

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Geocaching
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Geocaching
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Geocaching
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hiking

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Geocaching
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hiking

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In WHB Herd Area
	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Low potential

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
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Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Activities	Photography
	Hiking

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
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General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Trailhead
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography Hiking Geocaching Sightseeing Canyoneering
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive By Foot Bicycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
Activities	Bicycling / Mountain Biking

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	Leads to, Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar (beginning of route)) Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/15/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Trailhead
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Hiking
	Geocaching
	Sightseeing
	Canyoneering
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	By Foot

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	Leads to, Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar (extreme south of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 7/15/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Hiking
	Geocaching
	Sightseeing
	Canyoneering
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/15/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.37 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS4303 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Hiking
	Geocaching
	Sightseeing
	Canyoneering
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar (south end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4303 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Sightseeing
	Canyoneering
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Waterfall Trail
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 11.95 mi.	Width: Single Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Technical Vehicle Site / Trail
	Trailhead
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Geocaching
	Sightseeing
	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are SS2580, SS4129, SS4226, SS4237, SS4238, SS4239, SS4241, SS4242, SS4243, SS4245, SS4252, SS4254, SS4256, SS4263, SS4264, SS4265, SS4266, SS4281, SS4295, SS4303, and SS4308.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Natural Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In, crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Wash In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Leads to, crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area, including the BLM Natural Area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By limiting vehicle width to single track, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Limiting this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Rat23: By limiting vehicle width to single track, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Limiting this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Trailhead
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Technical Vehicle Site / Trail

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low

***Note:** Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.*

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): 0

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): 0

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): 0

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking
	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In, Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing Hiking Hunting
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

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Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing Hiking Hunting
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.71 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Hiking
	Equestrian
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Geocaching
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area Leads to Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	In, Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Hiking
	Vehicle Exploring
	Canyoneering
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	By Foot

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Behind the Reef Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In WHB Herd Area
	Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
	In Natural Area
Water Resources	In Wash
Misc. Resources	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the Settlement, BLM is directed to analyze, within WSAs or Natural Areas, at least one alternative route network that would enhance BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics by designating the routes or the relevant portions thereof as closed to ORV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.17 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by BLM
Jurisdictions:	BLM	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campground - Group Parking Area - Developed Recreation Fee Area
Activities	Photography Sightseeing Cultural / Historical Viewing Camping Hiking Canyoneering Geocaching OHV Destination Route Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle 2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4327, SS2335, SS2535, SS4323, SS4330, SS4335, SS4336, SS4371, SS4428, SS4440

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) Within 300 feet of Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>) Within 300 feet of Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) Within 300 feet of Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class I In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 mile of San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to group camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to group camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to group camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence (Not yet constructed)
	Gate (Not yet constructed)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Hiking
	Canyoneering
	Geocaching
	OHV Destination Route
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Crosses Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.8 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Reclaiming Road
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/19/2023 Jaydon Mead, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Crosses Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class I
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/19/2023 Jaydon Mead, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/19/2023 Jaydon Mead, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/19/2023 Jaydon Mead, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Kyle Smith , GIS Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA: San Rafael Swell TMA Management Zone: Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area Length: 12.91 mi. Width: Graded Track	Route Name: Co B Class: Wilderness Inventory Use Level: High Road Route Type(s): Connector; Braided Surface: Bladed Origin: None identified by IDT Jurisdictions: BLM; State Land	Maintained: Regularly by County Constructed: None identified by IDT
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Additional Information: County Class B. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park BLM Adjacent FO DO or SO
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Corral Livestock Watering Access Ranch HQ / Building

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped Trailhead
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography Sightseeing Canyoneering Hiking
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4327, SS2335, SS2535, SS4323, SS4330, SS4335, SS4336, SS4371, SS4428, SS4440

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	Crosses Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Crosses Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat Crosses Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) Crosses Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) Crosses Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) Crosses Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nehrdenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Floodplain Crosses Perennial stream Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Riparian Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Well
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	In, leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Burdock) In, leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive; Burdock; Musk thistle; Russian knapweed)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst
Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist
Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Trailhead (Ding and Dang)
Activities	Camping
	Photography
	Canyoneering
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4327, SS2335, SS2535, SS4323, SS4330, SS4335, SS4336, SS4371, SS4428, SS4440

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	In, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	NO YES NO NO NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long
Special Status Plants	In, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long In Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Floodplain Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Kyle Smith , GIS Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	BLM Adjacent FO DO or SO
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4327, SS2335, SS2535, SS4323, SS4330, SS4335, SS4336, SS4371, SS4428, SS4440

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4327, SS2335, SS2535, SS4323, SS4330, SS4335, SS4336, SS4371, SS4428, SS4440

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Kyle Smith , GIS Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
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• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat
	In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long
	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
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Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In Erosive soil - Low potential

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Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist
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Jake Garfield, Policy Analyst
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Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character and impairment of wilderness suitability would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Kyle Smith , GIS Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	NO YES NO YES NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4327, SS2335, SS2535, SS4323, SS4330, SS4335, SS4336, SS4371, SS4428, SS4440

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Kyle Smith , GIS Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 5 - Very high

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Kyle Smith , GIS Specialist	Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jake Garfield , Policy Analyst Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.59 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 7/16/2020

Evaluators: **Jerrad Goodell**, Aquatic Ecologist
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Kegen Benson, Biologist
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Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator
Rebecca Anderson, Geologist
Adam Robison, New User
Kyle Smith, GIS Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 4.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4327, SS2335, SS2535, SS4323, SS4330, SS4335, SS4336, SS4371, SS4428, SS4440

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In Goblin Valley Conveyance (Northern portion of route) In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Goblin Valley Rd.
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.02 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Principal Feeder		
Surface:	Paved	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Park		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Cattleguard
	Tank/Trough
	Spring Development
	Corral
	Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Well/Windmill
	Monitoring Site

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Trailhead
Activities	Camping
	Sightseeing
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In Goblin Valley Conveyance In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Puncture vine)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In Goblin Valley Conveyance In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Mineral Supplement Location Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Photography
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area and connects to the Temple Mountain Network area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4327, SS2335, SS2535, SS4323, SS4330, SS4336, SS4335, SS4336, SS4371, SS4428, SS4440

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.01 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to Invasive vegetation (<i>Halogeton</i>)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.64 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Water Haul Site
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route foot

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.82 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Water Haul Site
	Mineral Supplement Location

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route foot

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Jason Carlile, Range Specialist
David Halverson, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.57 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Water Haul Site
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Corral
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Water Haul Site
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

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Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Monitoring Site
	Exclosure Fence
	Well/Windmill
	Pipeline

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.45 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.26 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

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Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

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Additional Information: None.

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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Allotment Fence
	Gate

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
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	ATV

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 4.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Corral
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Tank/Trough
	Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Allotment Fence

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Surrounding Goblin Valley Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4327, SS2335, SS2535, SS4323, SS4330, SS4335, SS4336, SS4371, SS4428, SS4440

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S) In Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist
Jason Carlile, Range Specialist
David Halverson, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In WHB Herd Area In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Rat24: Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Rat35: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Rat36: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Rat39: Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat40: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat41: Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Rat42: Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. Rat83: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In WHB Herd Area In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, crosses Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: **Rat24:** Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. **Rat35:** Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. **Rat36:** Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. **Rat39:** Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. **Rat40:** Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. **Rat41:** Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. **Rat42:** Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. **Rat74:** The sub-watershed in which the route is located is dominated by soils which are identified as having a severe hazard of erosion on roads and trails. These routes are more likely to affect water quality than routes which are present on less erosive soils. **Rat83:** By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.59 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/20/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.6 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.9 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Leads to Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Crosses WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4450 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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Jason Carlile, Range Specialist
David Halverson, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Photography Sightseeing Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Vehicle Exploring Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
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Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

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Area Designation:

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Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Vehicle Exploring Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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Jason Carlile, Range Specialist
Brianne Emery, Natural Resources Planner

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
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YES	
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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.69 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Photography
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Leads to Steep slopes Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.32 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
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Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Type	Description
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Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
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Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to Steep slopes Leads to Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
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• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Photography
	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
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Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
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Evaluation Information

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Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Leads to Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

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Alternative C

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Rat24: Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Rat35: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Rat36: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Rat39: Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat40: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat41: Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Rat42: Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. Rat71: The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Rat83: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Monitoring Site (Weather station)
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II
	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to an administrative site, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.47 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative C

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.67 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
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Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

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CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.54 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Leads to Steep slopes Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

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Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Leads to Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

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Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

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• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Jason Carlile, Range Specialist
Brianne Emery, Natural Resources Planner

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.46 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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Jason Carlile, Range Specialist
Brianne Emery, Natural Resources Planner

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.68 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
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VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing the route to OHV use would promote safety of all users of public land by eliminating access to an area with known hazards where mitigation is not feasible.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/24/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Jason Carlile, Range Specialist
Brianne Emery, Natural Resources Planner

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.74 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Mineral Supplement Location
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/17/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.89 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir Pasture Fence

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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Jason Carlile, Range Specialist
Brianne Emery, Natural Resources Planner

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	2WD vehicle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	2WD vehicle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	2WD vehicle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.38 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	2WD vehicle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 4 - High In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.49 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	2WD vehicle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. Closing this route would reduce overall

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.84 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Allotment Fence

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Type	Description
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Modes of Transportation	UTV
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Type	Description
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Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	NO YES NO YES NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
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• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.11 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	Ranching	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Gate
	Cattleguard

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Adam Robison, New User</p> <p>Mike Tweddell, Range and Wild Horses and Burros</p>	<p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator</p> <p>Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network System. The main routes considered critical for route connectivity in this area are: SS2714, SS4001, SS4002, SS4003, SS4004, SS4005, SS4006, SS4026, SS4056, SS4059, SS4060, SS4061, SS4175, SS4194, SS4224, SS4449, SS4450, SS4498, SS4499.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.29 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
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Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation

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Area Designation:

Limited

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CLOSED

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

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Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

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Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 4 - High In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Adam Robison, New User</p> <p>Mike Tweddell, Range and Wild Horses and Burros</p>	<p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator</p> <p>Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS4502 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting
	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence
	Gate

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Derek Givens

Initial Evaluation Date: 2/14/2024

Evaluators: **Michael Knight**, GIS Specialist
Kegen Benson, Biologist
Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist
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Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist
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Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist
Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist
Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist
Rebecca Anderson, Geologist
David Halverson, Legal Counsel
Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Swaseys Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.74 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence
	Gate

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Swasey's Cabin/Reds Canyon Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.79 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: High Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Technical Vehicle Site / Trail
	Trailhead
	Interpretive Site
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	OHV Destination Route
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Equestrian
	Geocaching
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Wildlife Watching
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Backpacking
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei) In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In, leads to, crosses Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) In, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	BLM 648
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Technical Vehicle Site / Trail
	Trailhead
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	OHV Destination Route
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Geocaching
	Wildlife Watching
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In WHB Herd Management Area In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Derek Givens

Initial Evaluation Date: 2/14/2024

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Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist
Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist
Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist
Rebecca Anderson, Geologist
David Halverson, Legal Counsel
Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Technical Vehicle Site / Trail
	Trailhead
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	OHV Destination Route
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Geocaching
	Wildlife Watching
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In WHB Herd Management Area In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Adam Robison, New User</p> <p>Mike Tweddell, Range and Wild Horses and Burros</p>	<p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator</p> <p>Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	Commercial Rec Permit
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Technical Vehicle Site / Trail
	Trailhead
	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Interpretive Site
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	OHV Destination Route
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Geocaching
	Wildlife Watching
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In WHB Herd Management Area In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Rat43: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Rat43: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Rat43: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist
Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist
Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist

Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist
Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
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Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.72 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Leads to Steep slopes In Fugitive dust - High potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
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Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

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Activities	Camping

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Type	Description
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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Leads to Steep slopes

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

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Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
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Length: 0.76 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
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Additional Information: County Class D.

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Activities	Camping

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Leads to Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Leads to Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	Leads to Steep slopes In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Leads to Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In, leads to ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 4 - High

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros David Halverson , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.68 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Mike Tweddell, Range and Wild Horses and Burros
David Halverson, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.55 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
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Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Type	Description
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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.72 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

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Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Leads to Steep slopes In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros David Halverson , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Crosses, Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	Leads to Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros David Halverson , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 11.26 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by BLM
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Monitoring Site
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Airport/Airstrip

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Camping Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In, crosses Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Crosses ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption, vegetative damage and impacts to cultural resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.77 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (north end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Rat24: Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Rat35: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Rat36: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Rat39: Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat40: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat41: Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Rat42: Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. Rat71: The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Rat74: The sub-watershed in which the route is located is dominated by soils which are identified as having a severe hazard of erosion on roads and trails. These routes are more likely to affect water quality than routes which are present on less erosive soils. Rat83: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.33 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Leads to Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Photography Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Leads to Steep slopes In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Leads to, Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	Leads to, crosses Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
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Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
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Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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David Halverson, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.9 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	YES YES NO YES NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to, crosses Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
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Type	Description
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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Leads to Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Crosses, Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In, crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Length: 0.3 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Type	Description
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Campsite - Undeveloped Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
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Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

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Alternative B

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(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
Mike Tweddell, Range and Wild Horses and Burros
David Halverson, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.33 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to Steep slopes Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros David Halverson , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.33 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/25/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Adam Robison , New User Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros David Halverson , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Devil's Canyon East
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.71 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C**Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:**

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D**Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:**

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motor

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.39 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Crosses, Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Leads to Steep slopes In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista and historic features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.42 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Rock tank)
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route to OHV use would promote of safety of all users of public land by eliminating access to an area with known hazards where mitigation is not feasible.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route to OHV use would promote of safety of all users of public land by eliminating access to an area with known hazards where mitigation is not feasible.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.53 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped Interpretive Site
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Cultural / Historical Viewing Camping Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Interpretive Site
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators:

Kegen Benson , Biologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist
Michael Knight , GIS Specialist	Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist
Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator	Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist
Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator
Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros	Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist
Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Interpretive Site
	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption, vegetative damage and impacts to cultural resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption, vegetative damage and impacts to cultural resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption, vegetative damage and impacts to cultural resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (north end))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.73 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Cultural / Historical Viewing Camping Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, leads to, crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption, vegetative damage and impacts to cultural resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (east end))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.49 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? 	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? 	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4532 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (both ends))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4562 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Cultural / Historical Viewing

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.41 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton (west end))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Rat24: Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Rat35: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Rat36: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Rat39: Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat40: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat41: Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Rat42: Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. Rat74: The sub-watershed in which the route is located is dominated by soils which are identified as having a severe hazard of erosion on roads and trails. These routes are more likely to affect water quality than routes which are present on less erosive soils. Rat83: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.26 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4532 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.74 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Camping
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Crosses Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Camping Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (southern end of route) Leads to Steep slopes In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.46 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS4572 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to, crosses Steep slopes Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to, crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

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Type	Description
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General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
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Special Status Animals	Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
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Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (Erigeron maguirei)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.39 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Reclaiming
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Other (Rock tank)

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jim Davis , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.81 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Agency Facilities	Airport/Airstrip
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Jim Davis , Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.4 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Airport/Airstrip
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Jim Davis , Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.78 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT		
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		
	Maintained:	Minimally by County	
	Constructed:	None identified by IDT	

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Crosses, Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Crosses Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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Jim Davis , Resource Specialist	Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator
Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Cheatgrass; Russian thistle)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to cultural/historical viewing, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Kimball Draw
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Wilderness Inventory
Length: 7.53 mi.	Width: Graded Track		Use Level: High Road
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Minimally
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B EM927.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Spring Development
	Pipeline
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	Leads to Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In, crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Spring (x2)
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In, crosses Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Jim Davis , Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator
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TMA: San Rafael Swell TMA Management Zone: Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area Length: 5.93 mi.	Width: Dual Track Class: Wilderness Inventory Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s): Connector Surface: None identified by IDT Origin: None identified by IDT Jurisdictions: BLM; State Land	Maintained: Minimally by County Constructed: None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pipeline

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Crosses Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Jim Davis , Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT		
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		
Maintained:	Minimally by County		
Constructed:	None identified by IDT		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS5001 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Jim Davis , Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 4.83 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT		
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		
Maintained:	Minimally by County		
Constructed:	None identified by IDT		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Crosses Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (East end of route) Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle (west end)) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Jim Davis , Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.37 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Jim Davis , Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.97 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.6 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
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Type	Description
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Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

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Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
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Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/26/2020

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TMA: San Rafael Swell TMA Management Zone: Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area Length: 4.57 mi.	Width: Dual Track Class: Wilderness Inventory Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s): Spur Surface: None identified by IDT Origin: None identified by IDT Jurisdictions: BLM; State Land	Maintained: Minimally by County Constructed: None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Leads to, Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.73 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 mile of San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Willow Spgs Wash
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 12.32 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by Emery County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B 923. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site
	Corral
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Cattleguard
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.65 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	ROW - Mineral Materials Site
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Corral (Temporary location (as of 8/27/20))
Mineral Facilities	Free use pit

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis) In Wright fishhook cactus (Sclerocactus wrightiae) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to a mineral materials site for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to a mineral materials site for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to a mineral materials site for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Mike Tweddell, Range and Wild Horses and Burros</p> <p>Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist</p>	<p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p> <p>Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Mike Tweddell, Range and Wild Horses and Burros</p> <p>Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist</p>	<p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p> <p>Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.43 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Leads to, crosses, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	YES YES NO YES NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.53 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS5013 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Interpretive rehabilitation sign, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.85 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character Leads to Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass (each end of route)) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar (each end of route)) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Interpretive rehabilitation sign, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Interpretive rehabilitation sign, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.84 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	ROW - Mineral Materials Site
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Free use pit

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass (west end of route)) In, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar (west end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.88 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character Leads to Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 7.54 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS5012 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	Within 300 feet of Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) Within 300 feet of Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.64 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	YES YES NO YES NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Leads to Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motor

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? 	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? 	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any other resources of concern? 	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS5022 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 750 feet of White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	YES YES NO YES NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources? Route SS5024 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	YES

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Mineral Materials Site
	Water Rights
Mineral Facilities	Free use pit

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 750 feet of White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route are not designated in the RMP.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motor

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.4 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Mineral Materials Site
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Free use pit

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis) In Wright fishhook cactus (Sclerocactus wrightiae) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a mineral materials site for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators:

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Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis) In Wright fishhook cactus (Sclerocactus wrightiae) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Floodplain Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators:

Kegen Benson , Biologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist
Michael Knight , GIS Specialist	Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist
Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator	Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist
Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator
Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros	Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist
Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Floodplain Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Rat24: Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Rat35: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Rat36: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Rat39: Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat40: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat41: Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Rat42: Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. Rat71: The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Rat83: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Rat67: By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.31 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Corral

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 100 meters of Floodplain Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.93 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to single-track users, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Floodplain Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In, leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to single-track users, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Mike Tweddell, Range and Wild Horses and Burros</p> <p>Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist</p> <p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist</p>	<p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p> <p>Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pasture Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Crosses, Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Floodplain Crosses, Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Crosses, Within 100 meters of Riparian Crosses, Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to single-track users, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.25 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS5012 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Corral

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Brianne Emery , Natural Resources Planner	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.04 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis) In Wright fishhook cactus (Sclerocactus wrightiae) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators:

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Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist
Brianne Emery , Natural Resources Planner	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.79 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Route	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: Western portion is County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators:

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Brianne Emery , Natural Resources Planner	

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Route	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 4.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Modified 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to single-track users, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Kegen Benson, Biologist</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist</p> <p>Ann Glubczynski, Environmental Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p> <p>Mike Tweddell, Range and Wild Horses and Burros</p> <p>Scott Bartlett, Resource Specialist</p> <p>Brianne Emery, Natural Resources Planner</p>	<p>Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist</p> <p>Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist</p> <p>Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist</p> <p>Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator</p> <p>Myron Jeffs, Outdoor Recreation Specialist</p> <p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.94 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Equestrian
	Hiking
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: **Rat6:** Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. **Rat23:** By limiting vehicle width to single track or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. **Rat29:** Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. **Rat34:** Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage. **Rat3:** This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/27/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Ann Glubczynski , Environmental Planning Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Mike Tweddell , Range and Wild Horses and Burros Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Brianne Emery , Natural Resources Planner	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Miller's Canyon/Willow Sp
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 6.56 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Use Level: Medium	
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Regularly by Emery County
Surface:	Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B 912. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	ROW - Other (Community pit)
	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Cattleguard
	Pasture Fence
	Gate
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site
Mineral Facilities	Community pit

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Hunting Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Fugitive dust - High potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Musk thistle (south end))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/28/2020

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Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
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Shea Owens, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.02 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir (Admin route)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) Crosses Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide si

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to single-track users, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/28/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 8.74 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir (Admin route)

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) Crosses Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat Crosses Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash Crosses Floodplain Crosses Perennial stream Crosses Riparian
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, leads to, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (From TLA north) In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	In, leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar (from TLA north)) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton (from TLA north))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the ar

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.26 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) Crosses Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting access on this route to only administrative and/or permitted use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Due to the low traffic volume and low speeds expected, allowing continued use of this route would contribute to the overall route network minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by single track vehicles (including motorcycles and all non-motorized modes), year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: **Rat6:** Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. **Rat23:** By limiting vehicle width to single track or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. **Rat29:** Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. **Rat34:** Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage. **Rat3:** This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Blake Baker): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In WHB Herd Area
	In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Rat24: Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Rat35: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Rat36: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Rat39: Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat40: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat41: Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Rat42: Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. Rat83: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.43 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir (x2)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar (west end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.71 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Cultural / Historical Viewing Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Barren In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Halogeton) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.47 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Leads to Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/28/2020

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Shea Owens, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.87 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.56 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	Crosses Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 5 - Very high Leads to Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.55 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Crosses Cryptobiotic soil Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/28/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Last Chance Rd
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 11.06 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by Emery County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B 921. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Pond/Dam/Reservoir Mineral Supplement Location Corral Well/Windmill Tank/Trough Pipeline Monitoring Site
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Sightseeing
	Photography
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe Network Area and the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat In, Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/28/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.64 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Barren In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.73 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
<p>Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.63 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Rock tank)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.94 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Rock tank)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/28/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman, Jaydon Mead): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist

Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.47 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle (east end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.86 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle (west end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/28/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.33 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/28/2020

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Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.29 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Photography Sightseeing Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
	In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): Portions of this route are not designated in the RMP.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route are not designated in the RMP.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Sightseeing

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.68 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Sightseeing

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle (south end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 8/28/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Sightseeing Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
	In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

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 Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Other (Butch Cassidy inscription)
Activities	Camping Photography Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Temporary corral site)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 4 - High
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a pond, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a pond, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.29 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.67 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Lower Last Chance Loop
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 7.82 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Regularly by Emery County
Surface:	Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		
Additional Information: County Class B 920. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.			

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Exclosure Fence
	Gate
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Lower Last Chance Loop
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 2.91 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Regularly by Emery County
Surface:	Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		
Additional Information: County Class B 920. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.			

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Gate
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area Within 1/4 Mile of SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Leads to Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 13.46 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Regularly by BLM
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Gate
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Spring Development
	Pipeline
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
Activities	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	Crosses WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Crosses WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash In, crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Cryptobiotic soil Crosses PFYC Class 2 - Low In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator
Adam Robison, New User

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 11.14 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Regularly by BLM
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Cryptobiotic soil In Fugitive dust - High potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.39 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (*leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access*)

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access (*leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access*)

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline

Link Access (*does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Leads to Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In Fugitive dust - High potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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 Adam Robison, New User

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.88 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Enclosure Fence
	Gate
	Well/Windmill

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Well
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Exclosure Fence
	Gate
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Well/Windmill

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Well Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
NO	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.01 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA: San Rafael Swell TMA Management Zone: Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area Length: 0.74 mi. Width: Dual Track Route Type(s): Spur Surface: None identified by IDT Origin: None identified by IDT Jurisdictions: BLM	Class: Wilderness Inventory Use Level: Low Road Maintained: Minimally by County Constructed: None identified by IDT
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Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.44 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.95 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In, Within 1/4 mile of San Rafael Swell Recreation Area Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.79 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In, leads to WHB Herd Area Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 4.25 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	In, crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses PFYC Class 1 - Very low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.32 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.82 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Leads to Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Leads to Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.02 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS5146 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators:

Kegen Benson , Biologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist
Michael Knight , GIS Specialist	Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist
Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist	Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator
Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist	Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator
Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist	Adam Robison , New User
Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.86 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 1 - Very low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.49 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/14/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators:

Kegen Benson , Biologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist
Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist	Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist
Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist
Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist
Adam Robison , New User	David Halverson , Legal Counsel
Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	William Brant , Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	NO
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
	Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
	In WHB Herd Area
	In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)
	Leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Spring Development
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) Leads to Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 1 - Very low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a developed spring, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a developed spring, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.02 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.59 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.7 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Gate

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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David Halverson, Legal Counsel
William Brant, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.67 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.61 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for cons

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel William Brant , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Sand Cove Spring Rd
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.92 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B 924. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Gate
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Spring Development

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In, crosses WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel William Brant , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Sand Cove Spring Rd
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.43 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 924.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Spring Development

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to, crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.32 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Other (Rain gauge)
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In, leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting access on this route to only administrative use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting access on this route to only administrative use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a rain gauge, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators:

Kegen Benson , Biologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist
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Adam Robison , New User	David Halverson , Legal Counsel
Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	William Brant , Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Trap)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting access on this route to only administrative use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a trap location, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a trap location, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

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Michael Knight, GIS Specialist
Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist
Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist
Marc Johnson, Natural Resource Specialist
David Halverson, Legal Counsel
William Brant, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.25 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Gate
	Exclosure Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
	Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area
	In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)
	Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators:

Kegen Benson , Biologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist
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Adam Robison , New User	David Halverson , Legal Counsel
Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	William Brant , Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In, leads to Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist David Halverson , Legal Counsel William Brant , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.9 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream In Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.29 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Jurisdictions:	BLM	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Cattleguard
	Allotment Fence
	Water Haul Site
	Mineral Supplement Location
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim
	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User William Brant , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Water Haul Site
	Mineral Supplement Location
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Leads to ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (South end of route)
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.61 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Water Haul Site
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim
	Oil/Gas - Plugged and Abandoned

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User William Brant , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User William Brant , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.71 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

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 Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.25 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User William Brant , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 5.81 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	ROW - Road
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Gate
	Cattleguard
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Monitoring Site
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Water Haul Site
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Leads to ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In, crosses Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (On south end) In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 200 meters of Spring Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Monitoring Site
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In, leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Adam Robison , New User William Brant , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/15/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road Other (UDOT)
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by BLM
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Cattleguard
	Allotment Fence
	Gate

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.26 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by BLM
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Cattleguard
	Allotment Fence
	Gate

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 5.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Gate
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/15/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to, crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to, crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In, leads to WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Within 200 meters of Spring Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (South end of route)
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Burdock) Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p>Area Designation: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/15/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/15/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/15/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 5.82 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Gate
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Other (Drift fence)
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/15/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In, leads to WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (South end of route) In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	Leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Burdock)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p>Area Designation: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/15/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/15/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/15/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Jared Brogan, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.49 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Gate
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Allotment Fence
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In, leads to WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Burdock) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.68 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Gate
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Allotment Fence
	Monitoring Site
	Cattleguard
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Corral

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Gate
	Allotment Fence

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (South end of route)
Resource Issues	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Rat24: Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Rat35: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Rat36: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Rat39: Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat40: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat41: Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Rat42: Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. Rat71: The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Rat74: The sub-watershed in which the route is located is dominated by soils which are identified as having a severe hazard of erosion on roads and trails. These routes are more likely to affect water quality than routes which are present on less erosive soils. Rat83: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 5.8 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Allotment Fence
	Gate

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES)
Special Status Plants VRM/RSC	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 5 - Very high Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Burdock (leads to))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing authorized and permitted use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.73 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Leads to Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Burdock (leads to))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing authorized and permitted use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing authorized and permitted use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 4.79 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence
	Gate

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p>Area Designation: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.25 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing authorized/permitted use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 5 - Very high

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Leads to Invasive vegetation (Burdock)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.55 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or man

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 5 - Very high Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Shea Owens , Policy Analyst
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.55 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Shea Owens , Policy Analyst
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.5 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
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Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Rock Hounding
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Invasive vegetation (Burdock; Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist
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Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist
Marc Johnson, Natural Resource Specialist
Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist
Shea Owens, Policy Analyst

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.55 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Due to the low traffic volume and low speeds expected, allowing continued use of this route would contribute to the overall route network minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Due to the low traffic volume and low speeds expected, allowing continued use of this route would contribute to the overall route network minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jared Brogan, Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators:

Kegen Benson , Biologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist
Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist	Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist
Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist
Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist
Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist
Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist	Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.79 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Cattleguard Gate Private Fence Pond/Dam/Reservoir Pipeline Tank/Trough
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.86 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim ROW - Road Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Private Fence
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Hunting Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E) Crosses White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 2/14/2024

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim ROW - Road Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Private Fence
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Hunting Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E) Crosses White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Memo(s): Portions of this route are not designated in the RMP.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.32 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Private Fence
	Allotment Fence
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Parking Area - Developed
Activities	Interpretive Site
	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Photography
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by Permittee
Jurisdictions:	BLM	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Blake Baker, Outdoor Rec Planner

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Leads to Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist Blake Baker , Outdoor Rec Planner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.63 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Leads to Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Leads to Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to w

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Due to the low traffic volume and low speeds expected, allowing continued use of this route would contribute to the overall route network minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators:

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Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Blake Baker , Outdoor Rec Planner

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Leads to Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist Blake Baker , Outdoor Rec Planner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist Blake Baker , Outdoor Rec Planner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.29 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Private Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands (Hits fence at private)

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 750 feet of White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist Blake Baker , Outdoor Rec Planner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.52 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/6/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Camping
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

Evaluators: Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist	Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Marc Johson , Natural Resource Specialist Bryan Torgerson , Resource Specialist Blake Baker , Outdoor Rec Planner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.85 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route are not designated in the RMP.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/16/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.84 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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 Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.62 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (West end of route) In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (west end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/17/2020

Evaluators: **Kegen Benson**, Biologist
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Marc Johson, Natural Resource Specialist
Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/17/2020

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Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.73 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.81 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/17/2020

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Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel
Tyson Todd, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.83 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Length: 1.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.32 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Length: 0.49 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

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Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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 Tyson Todd, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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 Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel
 Tyson Todd, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
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Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/28/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation Leads to Mine hazard Leads to, crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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 Tyson Todd, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.21 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Watering Access
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat Crosses Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants VRM/RSC	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Crosses Perennial stream In, crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Riparian
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.75 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.26 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Within 750 feet of White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.41 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Private Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/17/2020

Evaluators: **Michael Knight**, GIS Specialist
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Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist
Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel
Tyson Todd, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.44 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/17/2020

Evaluators: **Michael Knight**, GIS Specialist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.85 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III
	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)
	Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Tyson Todd, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.57 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
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Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Tyson Todd, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
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General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

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Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing use of this existing route, which provides access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.3 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by provi

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.74 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Powerline
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Crosses Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants VRM/RSC	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Floodplain Crosses Perennial stream Crosses Riparian Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. The route crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Tyson Todd , Resource Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Millers Canyon Rd
Management Zone:	Miller Canyon Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 5.15 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Principal Feeder		
Surface:	Paved	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B 912. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Cattleguard Gate Private Fence Livestock Trailing Livestock Watering Access Mineral Supplement Location
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim AML site

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Sightseeing Photography Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive 2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Leads to, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area Leads to, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Floodplain Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Riparian
Misc. Resources	Crosses Wash In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Leads to Mine hazard Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Burdock) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Marc Johnson , Natural Resource Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Tyson Todd , Resource Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Red Point Spur Rd
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.37 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 918.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Watering Access
	Other (Pump location)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Photography
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Watering Access
	Other (Pump location)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Photography
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native) In Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Floodplain Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In, leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate m

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS5317 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping Photography Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
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Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS5317 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/18/2020

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Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.39 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) In Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
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Additional Information: None.

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• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C**Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:**

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Muddy Spur Rd
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 917.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Watering Access
	Private Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.91 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private	Constructed:	None identified by IDT

Additional Information: County Class B 917 Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Watering Access
	Private Fence
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Crosses Fisheries (sport & native)
Special Status Plants VRM/RSC	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In, leads to WHB Herd Area In, leads to WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Floodplain Crosses Perennial stream Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Riparian
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (East end of route) In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 5 - Very high
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Burdock) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.5 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Livestock Trailing Pond/Dam/Reservoir Gate Livestock Watering Access
Mineral Facilities	AML site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In, leads to WHB Herd Area In, leads to WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (North end of route) In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Burdock) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive) Leads to Mine hazard

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/21/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.7 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Burdock) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.31 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS5317 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Private Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Private Fence
	Gate

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native) In Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Within 100 meters of Floodplain Within 100 meters of Perennial stream Within 100 meters of Riparian
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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 Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Private Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses, Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.5 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Exclosure Fence
Mineral Facilities	Mine - Active

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Mineral Supplement Location

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Access to mining claims would be handled at the time of notice. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Exclosure Fence Pond/Dam/Reservoir Tank/Trough Water Haul Site
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Mineral Supplement Location

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.39 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Exclosure Fence Allotment Fence Monitoring Site
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS5338 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/18/2020

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Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Pond/Dam/Reservoir Water Haul Site
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
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Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

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	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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TMA: San Rafael Swell TMA Management Zone: Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area Length: 0.61 mi. Route Type(s): Connector; Y Intersection Surface: Graveled; Bladed Origin: None identified by IDT Jurisdictions: BLM; State Land	Route Name: Cowboy Mine Rd. Class: Road Maintained: Regularly by County Constructed: None identified by IDT	Use Level: Medium
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Additional Information: County Class B 915. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	ROW - Powerline R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Cattleguard Gate Exclosure Fence Tank/Trough Mineral Supplement Location Monitoring Site Water Haul Site Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive 2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5196, SS5186, SS5187, SS5201, SS5208, SS5209, SS5216, SS5241, SS5242, SS5242A, SS5243, SS5245, SS5246, SS5254, SS5257, SS5284, SS5317, SS5318, SS5324, SS5343, SS5344

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.5 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	ROW - Powerline
	ROW - Road (Access road)
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Exclosure Fence
	Tank/Trough
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Water Haul Site
Mineral Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Mining claim

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.64 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Powerline ROW - Road (Access road) ROW - Telephone / Comm Site ROW - Other (Fiberoptic)
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Water Haul Site Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist
Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator
Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.25 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass (north end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/18/2020

Evaluators: **Michael Knight**, GIS Specialist
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Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.9 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 9/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.89 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants VRM/RSC	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Leads to, crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (On east end) In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to, crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In, leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In, leads to, crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/7/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, J Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Leads to, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.32 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Water Haul Site
	Tank/Trough
	Monitoring Site
	Exclosure Fence
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator David Halverson , Legal Counsel Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.57 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	NO
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator David Halverson , Legal Counsel Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.55 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
	Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III
	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator
David Halverson , Legal Counsel	Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.91 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators:

Michael Knight , GIS Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist
Kegen Benson , Biologist	Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist
Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist	Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist
Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator
David Halverson , Legal Counsel	Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.38 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
	Private Lands
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator David Halverson , Legal Counsel Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.53 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator David Halverson , Legal Counsel Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS5372 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Cheatgrass; Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator David Halverson , Legal Counsel Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.69 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III
	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.6 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III
	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
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Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
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Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

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Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators:

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Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.96 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Powerline
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III
	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In, leads to Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators:

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David Halverson , Legal Counsel	Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist
Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.17 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
	In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)
	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat
	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III
	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Raptor nest (non-TES)
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (Northeast branch) In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p> <p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators:

Michael Knight , GIS Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.81 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer year-long substantial habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In WHB Herd Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In, Within 1/4 Mile of ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (North end of route) In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area In ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	I-70
Management Zone:	Interstate 70 Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 97.46 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class:	Road
Route Type(s):	Principal Feeder		Use Level: High
Surface:	Paved	Maintained:	Minimally by UDOT
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park Private Lands BLM Adjacent FO DO or SO
Agency Facilities	Monitoring Site Recreation Site
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road ROW - Other (Salt sheds; Interpretive panels) ROW - Mineral Materials Site
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Cattleguard Corral Pond/Dam/Reservoir Spring Development Exclosure Fence Gate Livestock Trailing Livestock Watering Access Mineral Supplement Location Monitoring Site Pasture Fence Private Fence Pipeline Ranch HQ / Building Tank/Trough Treatment Water Haul Site Well/Windmill

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim Community pit Free use pit

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
	Vista
	Campsite - Designated
	Campground - Developed
	Interpretive Site
	Parking Area - Developed
	Parking Area - Undeveloped
	Recreation Fee Area
	Trailhead
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	OHV Destination Route
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Backpacking
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Canyoneering
	Bouldering
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Equestrian
	Geocaching
	Hiking
	River Rafting/Floating
	Rock Climbing
	Rock Crawling
	Rock Hounding
	Scientific Exploration
	Trail Running
Modes of Transportation	Wildlife Watching
	2WD vehicle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is part of the Coal Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	<p>In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland</p> <p>In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush</p> <p>In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland</p> <p>In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland</p> <p>In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial</p> <p>In, crosses Barren</p> <p>Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland</p>
Special Status Animals	<p>Crosses, Within 750 feet of White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S)</p> <p>In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)</p> <p>In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)</p> <p>In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)</p> <p>Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)</p> <p>Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Yellow-billed cuckoo potential habitat (T)</p> <p>In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)</p> <p>In, crosses, Within 100 meters of Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)</p>
Managed Species	<p>Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat</p> <p>Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long</p> <p>Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat</p> <p>Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer year-long substantial habitat</p> <p>Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat</p> <p>Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long substantial habitat</p> <p>Within 100 meters of Fisheries (sport & native)</p>
Special Status Plants	<p>Crosses, Within 300 feet of Bolander's camissonia (<i>Camissonia bolanderi</i>) (S)</p> <p>Crosses, Within 300 feet of Entrada rushpink (<i>Lygodesmia grandiflora</i> var <i>entrada</i>) (S)</p> <p>Crosses, Within 300 feet of Flat Top buckwheat, Smith's wild buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum corymbosum</i> var <i>smithii</i>) (S)</p> <p>Crosses, Within 300 feet of Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)</p> <p>Crosses, Within 300 feet of Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)</p> <p>Crosses, Within 300 feet of Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)</p> <p>Crosses, Within 300 feet of Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)</p>
VRM/RSC	<p>In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character</p> <p>In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.</p> <p>In VRM Class II - Retain existing character</p> <p>In Inventory Class II</p> <p>In Inventory Class I</p> <p>In Inventory Class III</p>
Special Management Areas	<p>In, crosses ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern</p> <p>Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character</p> <p>In, crosses SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area</p> <p>In, crosses San Rafael Swell Recreation Area</p> <p>Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness</p> <p>In, crosses ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area</p> <p>In, leads to, crosses WHB Herd Area</p> <p>In, leads to, crosses WHB Herd Management Area</p>
Water Resources	<p>Crosses Floodplain</p> <p>Within 100 meters of Perennial stream</p> <p>Crosses Ephemeral stream</p> <p>Crosses Intermittent stream</p> <p>Crosses Riparian</p> <p>Crosses Wash</p>
Misc. Resources	<p>In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils</p> <p>In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential</p> <p>In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential</p>

Resource Issues	<p>Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil</p> <p>Crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes</p> <p>Crosses PFYC Class 2 - Low</p> <p>Crosses PFYC Class 3 - Moderate</p> <p>Crosses PFYC Class 4 - High</p> <p>Crosses PFYC Class 5 - Very high</p> <p>Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Burdock)</p> <p>Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive; Musk thistle; Russian knapweed)</p> <p><i>Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.</i></p>
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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u></p> <p>Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u></p> <p>OPEN</p> <p>This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to vistas, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to vistas, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to vistas, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.46 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Exclosure Fence
	Gate
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of San Rafael Swell Recreation Area In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils (South end of route is in.) Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 1 - Very low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In, crosses Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Barren In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Utah spurge (<i>Euphorbia nephradenia</i>) (S)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or man

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Lower Last Chance Loop
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Wilderness Inventory Road
Length: 8.88 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Use Level:	High
Route Type(s):	Principal Feeder	Maintained:	Regularly by Emery County
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 920.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	NO
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	NO
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	BLM Adjacent FO DO or SO
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Well/Windmill
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Hiking
	Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Within 1/4 Mile of SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of National Park
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.19 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	NO
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	Oil/Gas Lease

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) In, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.62 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Drift fence)
Mineral Facilities	Oil/Gas Lease

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Leads to, Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (Middle of route.) In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Other (Drift fence)

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	Oil/Gas Lease

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Migratory bird high-value habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Last Chance Cutoff
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 7.75 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by Emery County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 925.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights ROW - Road R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Cattleguard Exclosure Fence (Vegetation) Pond/Dam/Reservoir Pipeline Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) Within 300 feet of Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: Old alignment of County Class B 925. Re-routed because of wash-out.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) Within 300 feet of Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Crosses Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) In Public safety issue (Wash out)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing the route to OHV use would promote of safety of all users of public land by eliminating access to an area with known hazards where mitigation is not feasible.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing the route to OHV use would promote of safety of all users of public land by eliminating access to an area with known hazards where mitigation is not feasible.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing the route to OHV use would promote of safety of all users of public land by eliminating access to an area with known hazards where mitigation is not feasible.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.82 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS5395 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In WHB Herd Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motor

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3.42 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS5391 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Oil/Gas Lease

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of WHB Herd Area
Water Resources	In Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash Within 200 meters of Spring (Spring/seep)
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. By limiting this route to 66" or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and vegetative damage.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.41 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS5393 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/19/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Scott Bartlett , Resource Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Kris Carambelas , Archaeologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.03 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Well/Windmill

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applica

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/20/2020

Evaluators:

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Jim Davis , Resource Specialist	Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/20/2020

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Jim Davis , Resource Specialist	Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Low Road
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	Bladed		
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		
	Maintained:	Minimally by County	
	Constructed:	None identified by IDT	

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hiking
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 10/20/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Little Black Mt Spur
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.55 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 926.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Allotment Fence
	Tank/Trough
	Cattleguard

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hiking
	Backpacking
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Canyoneering
Modes of Transportation	Equestrian
	Geocaching
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS5087, SS5127, SS5128, SS5129, SS5130, SS5131, SS5132, SS5136, SS5138, SS5139, SS5143, SS5145, SS5146, SS5147, SS5167, SS5168, SS5176, SS5389, SS5391, SS5395, SS5416.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness Leads to National Park
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Jim Davis , Resource Specialist	Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.44 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton (east end of route))

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Oil Well Rd.
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 1.37 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Use Level:	High
Route Type(s):	Principal Feeder	Maintained:	Regularly by Sevier County
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 6005.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	BLM Adjacent FO DO or SO
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Well/Windmill
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Hunting Hiking Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Limestone Cliffs Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6001, SS6002, SS6003, SS6004, SS6005, SS6006, SS6044, SS6077. These are the primary maintained roads in this area used for access to Capital Reef National Park, Lower Last Chance Loop, Mussentuchit Sand Dunes, access points to Muddy Creek Wilderness such as Sager's Hole and Chimney's Canyon. These are accessed for hunting and highly scenic views and overlooks. 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat. Main access to the area, regularly maintained 2 lane

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Elk winter substantial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of National Park Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Adam Robison , New User Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Upper Cathedral Valley
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.22 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class:	Road
Route Type(s):	Principal Feeder		Use Level: High
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by Sevier County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; NPS; Private		

Additional Information: County Class B 6006 Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	BLM Adjacent FO DO or SO Private Lands Other (NPS)
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Pipeline Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Hunting Hiking Geocaching
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Limestone Cliffs Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6001, SS6002, SS6003, SS6004, SS6005, SS6006, SS6044, SS6077. These are the primary maintained roads in this area used for access to Capital Reef National Park, Lower Last Chance Loop, Mussentuchit Sand Dunes, access points to Muddy Creek Wilderness such as Sager's Hole and Chimney's Canyon. These are accessed for hunting and highly scenic views and overlooks. 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat. Main access to the area, regularly maintained 2 lane

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Black bear year-long substantial Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area Leads to National Park
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the national park, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the national park, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the national park, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

Evaluators:

Michael Knight , GIS Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist
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Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator
Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Adam Robison , New User
Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Last Chance Rd
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 10.5 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Class: Road	Use Level: High
Route Type(s):	Principal Feeder		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by Sevier County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS; Private; State Land		
Additional Information: County Class B 6000. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.			

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District Private Lands State Lands or Park BLM Adjacent FO DO or SO
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Allotment Fence Cattleguard Pond/Dam/Reservoir Gate Livestock Trailing Livestock Watering Access Monitoring Site Pipeline Tank/Trough Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Monitoring Site (Weather station)

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Activities	Camping Vehicle Exploring Photography Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Bicycling / Mountain Biking Equestrian
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	By Horse

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/11/2023 -Jaydon Mead, Dana Truman, Mike Tweddell, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman Stephanie Howard, Blake Baker): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Limestone Cliffs Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6001, SS6002, SS6003, SS6004, SS6005, SS6006, SS6044, SS6077. These are the primary maintained roads in this area used for access to Capital Reef National Park, Lower Last Chance Loop, Mussentuchit Sand Dunes, access points to Muddy Creek Wilderness such as Sager's Hole and Chimney's Canyon. These are accessed for hunting and highly scenic views and overlooks. This route is on the boundary of the LWC an County B Road. 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat. Main

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Crosses Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Elk winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Crosses Natural Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Crosses Perennial stream In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 5 - Very high In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive; Phragmites)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/11/2023 -Jaydon Mead, Dana Truman, Mike Tweddell, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman Stephanie Howard, Blake Baker): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/11/2023 -Jaydon Mead, Dana Truman, Mike Tweddell, Kyle Smith, Daniel Kauffman Stephanie Howard, Blake Baker): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Adam Robison , New User Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Last Chance Cutoff
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.64 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by Sevier County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 6003.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Limestone Cliffs Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6001, SS6002, SS6003, SS6004, SS6005, SS6006, SS6044, SS6077. These are the primary maintained roads in this area used for access to Capital Reef National Park, Lower Last Chance Loop, Mussentuchit Sand Dunes, access points to Muddy Creek Wilderness such as Sager's Hole and Chimney's Canyon. These are accessed for hunting and highly scenic views and overlooks. Main connector road, 2 lanes, regularly maintained. 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat. Main

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Elk winter substantial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Fugitive dust - High potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle; Halogeton; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/25/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith, Jared Brogan 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

Evaluators:

Michael Knight , GIS Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist
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Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator	Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator
Rebecca Anderson , Geologist	Adam Robison , New User
Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Jimmy Crane Rd
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.47 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Class: Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by Sevier County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class B 6009. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Private Fence
	Ranch HQ / Building
	Gate
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Limestone Cliffs Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6001, SS6002, SS6003, SS6004, SS6005, SS6006, SS6044, SS6077. These are the primary maintained roads in this area used for access to Capital Reef National Park, Lower Last Chance Loop, Mussentuchit Sand Dunes, access points to Muddy Creek Wilderness such as Sager's Hole and Chimney's Canyon. These are accessed for hunting and highly scenic views and overlooks. Primary access to the last chance ranch and private ground. 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat. Main

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Adam Robison , New User Braden Sheppard , Legal Counsel
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Last Chance Desert Spur
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Graded Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Regularly by Sevier County
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		
Additional Information: County Class B 6009. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.			

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Limestone Cliffs Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6001, SS6002, SS6003, SS6004, SS6005, SS6006, SS6039, SS6044, SS6077. These are the primary maintained roads in this area used for access to Capital Reef National Park, Lower Last Chance Loop, Mussentuchit Sand Dunes, access points to Muddy Creek Wilderness such as Sager's Hole and Chimney's Canyon. These are accessed for hunting and highly scenic views and overlooks. This is an bladed major road providing camping access on state ground. 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat. Main

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Black bear year-long substantial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

Evaluators: **Michael Knight**, GIS Specialist
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Dustin Rooks, Botanist
David Halverson, Legal Counsel
Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician
Paul Caso, Range Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Last Chance Desert Spur
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 1.25 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Bladed	Maintained:	Minimally by Sevier County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B 6009. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Water Haul Site
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area and leads to the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial
	In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV
	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (<i>Halogeton</i> ; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p>Area Designation: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
Alternative B
<p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: OPEN This route is open to all users, year-round.</p> <p>Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability. • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats. <p>How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.</p> <p>Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues: (no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) <p>Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).</p>

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.52 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 6009. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Pipeline Tank/Trough
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area and leads to the Mussentuchit Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.38 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D 5253. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Water Haul Site
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.64 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting access on this route to only administrative and/or permitted use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting access on this route to only administrative and/or permitted use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting access on this route to only administrative and/or permitted use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

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Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner
Sam Marolt, Geologist
Dustin Rooks, Botanist
David Halverson, Legal Counsel
Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician
Paul Caso, Range Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area and leads to the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting access on this route to only administrative and/or permitted use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting access on this route to only administrative and/or permitted use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.46 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Pasture Fence
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit Route Network Geographic Area and connects to the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.71 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Livestock Trailing
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit Route Network Geographic Area and connects to the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Barren In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, leads to WHB Herd Area In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Cryptobiotic soil (Where route hits ridge)
Resource Issues	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Tooter Ogden , Sevier County Commissioner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 2.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character In, leads to WHB Herd Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (Midway along route)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	Leads to Invasive vegetation (Russian thistle) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.67 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; NPS		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Other (NPS)

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area Leads to National Park
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Spring Development
	Livestock Watering Access
	Pipeline

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Yellow-billed cuckoo potential habitat (T)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Tooter Ogden , Sevier County Commissioner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Yellow-billed cuckoo potential habitat (T)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Natural Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Continued use of this primitive route would minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics (LWC or Natural Area) by providing reasonable access to these lands on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) Areas and trails shall not be located in officially designated wilderness areas or primitive areas. Areas and trails shall be located in natural areas only if the authorized officer determines that off-road vehicle use in such locations will not adversely affect their natural, esthetic, scenic, or other values for which such areas are established.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Continued use of this primitive route would minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics (LWC or Natural Area) by providing reasonable access to these lands on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.79 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; NPS; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands Other (NPS)
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV Motorcycle UTV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography Sightseeing Hunting Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Leads to National Park
Water Resources	In Wash
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. The route is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. The route frequently crosses a stream. Stream crossings destabilize stream banks and channels resulting in greater erosion and sedimentation during flood flow. Crossings of perennial streams have immediate impacts to water quality with each vehicle crossing. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.98 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
	Monitoring Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Natural Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. By closing the route, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/16/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.48 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is not vital to the overall route network but is the main access road along an water ditch used to service Baker Ranch. This route provides access to other roads on the lower elevation of the Fish Lake National Forest. This route is used for hunting, vehicle exploring, and provides access for OHB loop opportunities and hiking access.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter crucial Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pasture Fence
	Gate

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Spring Development
	Corral

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Elk winter substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In Trespass (Cemetery trespass.)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Tooter Ogden , Sevier County Commissioner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Elk winter substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In, Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In Trespass (Cemetery trespass.)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By eliminating public motorized access on this route, potential impacts to documented resources associated with motorized use would be reduced. By limiting access on this route to only administrative and/or permitted use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By eliminating public motorized access on this route, potential impacts to documented resources associated with motorized use would be reduced. By limiting access on this route to only administrative and/or permitted use, the potential for impacts to documented resources would be reduced, due to lower traffic volume, low speeds and no public motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.45 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir (Breached, filled in--needs maintenance)
	Livestock Trailing
	Gate
	Pasture Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	ATV
	Motorcycle
	UTV

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Limestone Cliffs Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6001, SS6002, SS6003, SS6004, SS6005, SS6006, SS6044, SS6077. These are the primary maintained roads in this area used for access to Capital Reef National Park, Lower Last Chance Loop, Mussentuchit Sand Dunes, access points to Muddy Creek Wilderness such as Sager's Hole and Chimney's Canyon. This route provides access to camp sites and historic cemetery areas, an horse trail/nonmotorized trail. This is an bladed major road providing camping access on state ground. 10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat. Main

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Elk winter substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Tooter Ogden , Sevier County Commissioner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.63 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial
	In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
	In Elk winter crucial
	In Elk winter substantial
	Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial
	Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
	In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/02023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or man

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Tooter Ogden , Sevier County Commissioner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.64 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Photography
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Cryptobiotic soil (West end of route) In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Continued use of this primitive route would minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics (LWC or Natural Area) by providing reasonable access to these lands on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Derek Givens

Initial Evaluation Date: 2/14/2024

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Myron Jeffs , Outdoor Recreation Specialist Adam Robison , New User	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Rebecca Anderson , Geologist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Photography
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
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Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Cryptobiotic soil (West end of route) In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.73 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Photography
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened spe

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
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VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

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Area Designation:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Sightseeing Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened spe

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.89 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Monitoring Site
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
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Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.34 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT		
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	NO
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS6003 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Sightseeing Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Continued use of this primitive route would minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics (LWC or Natural Area) by providing reasonable access to these lands on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co D 5037
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 2.73 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Agency Facilities	Monitoring Site
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Allotment Fence
	Gate

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Other (Ditches, canals)

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial In Mule deer winter crucial Leads to, Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES) Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	ROW - Other (Ditches, canals)
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Watering Access

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Sightseeing
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
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Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Elk winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist David Halverson, Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Elk winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season.

The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Tooter Ogden , Sevier County Commissioner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.64 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Co D 5041
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 2.95 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Agency Facilities	Monitoring Site
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: LIMITED This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.</p>
<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Continued use of this primitive route would minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics (LWC or Natural Area) by providing reasonable access to these lands on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Tooter Ogden , Sevier County Commissioner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES)
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist David Halverson , Legal Counsel Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Tooter Ogden , Sevier County Commissioner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter substantial In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Tooter Ogden, Sevier County Commissioner</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator Braden Sheppard, Legal Counsel</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.61 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Private Fence
	Other (Erosion control structure (Tank Canyon erosion))

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Adam Robison , New User	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.67 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Gate
	Pasture Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In, Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (West end of route) In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Adam Robison, New User</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.15 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Reclaiming
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Erosion control structure)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Because this route is reclaimed or currently reclaiming, officially closing the route will contribute to minimizing potential impacts to documented resources by eliminating motorized use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Adam Robison , New User	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Corral
	Ranch HQ / Building
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Elk winter crucial Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES)
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Private Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights (Clark's Reservoir)
Range Facilities	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Gate

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In, Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.53 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS6055 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (South end of route) In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the ditch, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Adam Robison, New User</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.73 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Erosion control structures)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (North end of route) In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage. For purposes of minimizing damage to public lands with BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics in the evaluation of this route, BLM considered the potential for damage to wilderness characteristics, including naturalness, outstanding opportunities for solitude, and outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation, for each alternative route network.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

<p>Evaluators:</p> <p>Michael Knight, GIS Specialist Kegen Benson, Biologist Veronica Kratman, Realty Specialist Nate Packer, NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson, GIS Specialist Brant Hallows, Soils Brandon Jolley, NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy, Field Manager Michael Utley, Realty Specialist Jaydon Mead, Recreation Technician Paul Caso, Range Specialist Adam Robison, New User</p>	<p>Jerrad Goodell, Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings, Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer, Range Specialist Jim Jennings, Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean, Hydrology Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt, Geologist Dustin Rooks, Botanist Michael Tweddell, Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat, Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter, Environmental Coordinator Rebecca Anderson, Geologist</p>
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Parking Area - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Mule deer winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In, Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In, Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Rat24: Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Rat35: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Rat36: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Rat39: Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat40: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat41: Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Rat42: Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. Rat83: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Rat67: By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Adam Robison , New User	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Mussentuchit/Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.31 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Mussentuchit/Lower Last Chance Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Mule deer winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In PFYC Class 2 - Low Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

Evaluators: Michael Knight , GIS Specialist Kegen Benson , Biologist Veronica Kratman , Realty Specialist Nate Packer , NEPA Coordinator Jason Anderson , GIS Specialist Brant Hallows , Soils Brandon Jolley , NEPA Planner Joelle McCarthy , Field Manager Michael Utley , Realty Specialist Jaydon Mead , Recreation Technician Paul Caso , Range Specialist Adam Robison , New User	Jerrad Goodell , Aquatic Ecologist Natalie Fewings , Archaeologist Stephanie Bauer , Range Specialist Jim Jennings , Public Lands Administrator Mark Dean , Hydrology Austin Hiskey , Outdoor Recreation Planner Sam Marolt , Geologist Dustin Rooks , Botanist Michael Tweddell , Rangeland Management Specialist Sue Fivecoat , Assistant Field Manager Cindy Ledbetter , Environmental Coordinator Rebecca Anderson , Geologist
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Limestone Cliffs Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.58 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park Private Lands
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Gate Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Sightseeing Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utle, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Limestone Cliffs Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6001, SS6002, SS6003, SS6004, SS6005, SS6006, SS6044, SS6077. These are the primary maintained roads in this area used for access to Capital Reef National Park, Lower Last Chance Loop, Mussentuchit Sand Dunes, access points to Muddy Creek Wilderness such as Sager's Hole and Chimney's Canyon. 10/31/02023 M. Utle, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat. Main

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Barren In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Mule deer winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (Midway along route) In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Last Chance Rd
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 5.67 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by Sevier County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class B 6000. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	ROW - Road
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Monitoring Site
	Pipeline
Mineral Facilities	Community pit
	Free use pit

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Corral
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Spring Development
	Exclosure Fence
	Gate
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Hiking
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	2WD vehicle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Backpacking
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
Modes of Transportation	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area and connects to the Copper Globe Lone Tree Network areas. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Mule deer winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES)
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Cretzfeldt-flower (<i>Cryptantha creutzfeldtii</i>) In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 200 meters of Spring In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Fugitive dust - High potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently

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managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the gravel pit, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class B road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Willow Springs Overlook
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 1.86 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	Graveled; Bladed	Maintained:	Regularly by BLM; Sevier County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class B 6002.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim (Claimed to County line)
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Tank/Trough
	Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
Activities	Sightseeing Backpacking Photography Hiking
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area and connects to the Copper Globe Lone Tree Network areas. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Mule deer winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES)
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Fugitive dust - High potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to the vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/17/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.05 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree and connects to the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Rat24: Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Rat35: Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion. Rat36: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Rat39: Closing this route would enhance wildlife habitat by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat40: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Rat41: Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Rat42: Closing this route would eliminate motorized use, minimizing the potential for harassment of wildlife. Rat83: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Leads to Yellow-billed cuckoo potential habitat (T)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applicati

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to historic features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Sightseeing
	Cultural / Historical Viewing
	Equestrian
Modes of Transportation	Hiking
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Yellow-billed cuckoo potential habitat (T)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Continued use of this primitive route would minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics (LWC or Natural Area) by providing reasonable access to these lands on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Corral
	Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) Within 1800 feet of Yellow-billed cuckoo potential habitat (T)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA: San Rafael Swell TMA

Management Zone: Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area

Length: 0.13 mi.

Width: Dual Track

Class: Primitive Road

Use Level: Low

Route Type(s):

Spur; Loop

Surface:

None identified by IDT

Maintained: Minimally by County

Origin:

None identified by IDT

Constructed: None identified by IDT

Jurisdictions:

BLM

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:

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- provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? **YES**
- provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? **NO**
- exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? **YES**
- provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? **NO**

Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws? **YES**

Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:

- State or Federal special status species or their habitat? **YES**
- cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? **YES**
- any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? **YES**
- any other resources of concern? **YES**

Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated? **YES**

Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources? **NO**

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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Alternative D

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES) Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (Midway along route)
Resource Issues	Leads to Steep slopes In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
	<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.76 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Sightseeing Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In, crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to vistas, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to vistas, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to vistas, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.49 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Derek Givens

Initial Evaluation Date: 2/14/2024

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.29 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Sightseeing Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (45273): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Natural Rehab

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (45273): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: XXXX

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
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Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
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Type	Description
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General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area: SS4515, SS4521, SS4532, SS4537, SS4557, SS4572, SS4573, SS4575, SS4580, SS5001, SS5002, SS5010, SS5012, SS5050, SS5051, SS5069, SS5087, SS6078, SS6079, SS6089, SS6090

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Barren In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area. Closed

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/29/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
	Water Haul Site

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 3 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim (On Sevier side)
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
	Water Haul Site
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Crosses, Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.64 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Barren Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (Toward east end) Leads to Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Continued use of this primitive route would minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics (LWC or Natural Area) by providing reasonable access to these lands on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 11/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.4 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Braided		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
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Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Watering Access

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species an

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.08 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally by County	
Origin:	Mining	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.26 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	YES YES NO YES NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access <i>(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)</i>	
Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Alternate Access <i>(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)</i>	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access <i>(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)</i>	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Photography
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Leads to, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. By closing the route, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.26 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
	<p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped Vista
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Photography

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Leads to Steep slopes Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Memo(s): This route is within a previously designated Open Area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a vista, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.44 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Other (Seep)
	Monitoring Site
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)

Type	Description
Activities	Camping Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Leads to Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p> <p><u>Memo(s):</u> This route is within a previously designated Open Area.</p>

Alternative B	
	<p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p> <p><u>Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability. • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats. <p><u>How Designation Addresses Criteria Above:</u> Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.</p> <p><u>Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:</u> (no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) <p><u>Closure Method(s):</u> Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation</p> <p><u>Memo(s):</u> IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.</p>

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally by County	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/23/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.22 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

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• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS6078 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Leads to Mule deer winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 200 meters of Spring In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/18/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.46 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained: Minimally	
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed: None identified by IDT	
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Mineral Facilities	Free use pit (Locked gate)

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a free use pit, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to a free use pit, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.33 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Pipeline
	Exclosure Fence
	Other (Erosion control structures)
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)	
	<p>Area Designation: Limited</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p> <p>Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.</p>
Alternative B	
	<p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p> <p>Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability. • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats. <p>How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.</p> <p>Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues: (no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) <p>Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation</p> <p>Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.</p>

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Pipeline
	Other (Erosion control structures)
	Spring Development
	Pasture Fence
	Tank/Trough
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area. This route provides the only access to the tunnel under I-70 and accesses trails outside the TMA. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Water Resources	In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar) Leads to Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	NO
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
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Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Other (Erosion control structures)
	Spring Development
	Pasture Fence
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Elk winter crucial In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III
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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A	(Current Management, No Action Alternative)
Area Designation: Limited	

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<p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
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<p>Alternative B</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p> <p><u>Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability. • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats. <p><u>How Designation Addresses Criteria Above:</u> Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.</p> <p><u>Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:</u> <i>(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) <p><u>Closure Method(s):</u> Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation</p> <p><u>Memo(s):</u> IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.</p>
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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.28 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	YES YES NO YES NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	YES YES YES YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access <i>(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)</i>	
Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
Alternate Access <i>(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)</i>	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access <i>(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)</i>	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush
	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial
	Within 1/4 mile of Elk winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character
	In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:
Limited

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<p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> OPEN This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.</p>
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<p>Alternative B</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p> <p><u>Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability. • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats. <p><u>How Designation Addresses Criteria Above:</u> Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.</p> <p><u>Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:</u> <i>(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) <p><u>Closure Method(s):</u> Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation</p> <p><u>Memo(s):</u> IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.</p>

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Continued use of this primitive route would minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics (LWC or Natural Area) by providing reasonable access to these lands on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.61 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? • provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? • provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? • exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? • provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? 	<p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p>
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	<p>YES</p>
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State or Federal special status species or their habitat? • cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? • any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? • any other resources of concern? 	<p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p>
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	<p>YES</p>
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	<p>NO</p>

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
<p>The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.</p>	
Primary Access <i>(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)</i>	
Type	Description
Lease Facilities	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim
Alternate Access <i>(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)</i>	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access <i>(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)</i>	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Copper Globe/Lone Tree Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In, crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter crucial Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer year-long substantial habitat Within 1/4 mile of Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Bryan Torgerson, Resource Specialist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.87 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Water Haul Site
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low Leads to Steep slopes

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
	Hunting
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Mule deer winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (South end) In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Leads to Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter crucial In Mule deer winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (South end) In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Alternative D

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TMA: San Rafael Swell TMA

Management Zone: Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area

Length: 0.13 mi.

Width: Dual Track

Class: Primitive Road

Use Level: Low

Route Type(s): Loop

Surface: None identified by IDT

Maintained: Minimally by County

Origin: None identified by IDT

Constructed: None identified by IDT

Jurisdictions: BLM

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:

- either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency? **YES**
- provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility? **YES**
- provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone? **NO**
- exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset? **YES**
- provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones? **NO**

Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws? **YES**

Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:

- State or Federal special status species or their habitat? **YES**
- cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents? **YES**
- any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments? **YES**
- any other resources of concern? **YES**

Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated? **YES**

Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources? **NO**

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Sightseeing

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Elk winter crucial In Mule deer winter crucial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Highway 72
Management Zone:	Hwy 72 Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 9.16 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Use Level:	Low
Route Type(s):	Principal Feeder	Maintained:	Regularly by State
Surface:	Paved	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pipeline
	Allotment Fence
	Cattleguard
	Corral
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Tank/Trough
	Monitoring Site
	Water Haul Site
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Woodcutting
	Fishing
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle
	2WD vehicle
	Bicycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Photography
	Backpacking
	Pine-nut Picking
	Wildlife Watching
Modes of Transportation	By Foot
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Christmas Tree Cutting - Personal Use
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In, crosses Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In, crosses Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer summer crucial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES)
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (Aliciella tenuis)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character Within 1 mile of National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT)
Water Resources	In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (North end; Moss at high elevation) In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) Within 1/4 mile of Noxious weeds (Salt cedar; Russian olive; Musk thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	Highway 76
Management Zone:	Ivie Creek Frontage Road Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Road
Length: 1.68 mi.	Width: Multi Lane	Use Level:	High
Route Type(s):	Principal Feeder	Maintained:	Regularly by State
Surface:	Paved	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	None identified by IDT		
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District
Lease Facilities	ROW - Road
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	Motorcycle
	2WD vehicle
	Modified 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Backpacking
	Bicycling / Mountain Biking
	Fishing
	Woodcutting
Modes of Transportation	By Foot
	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This road is the Ivie Creek Frontage Road. It is an paved road.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Elk winter substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1 mile of National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT)
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The ROW for this route is the determining document with regard to a route designation. The REP carries forward the ROW decision and the data is used for cumulative effects analysis in the NEPA process for the Travel Management Plan. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (12/12/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.83 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1 mile of National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT)
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Tansy mustard; Blue mustard)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applicati

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 6.45 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Monitoring Site
	Water Haul Site
	Tank/Trough
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Antler Shed Hunting
	Photography
	Sightseeing
Modes of Transportation	By Horse
	Bicycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush Crosses Barren In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Elk winter substantial Crosses Migratory bird high-value habitat
Special Status Plants	In Cretuzfeldt-flower (<i>Cryptantha creutzfeldtii</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1 mile of National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT) Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Noxious weeds (Salt cedar)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

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Area Designation:

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Alternative B

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OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing a common access into or across the area on a pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.23 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	By Horse

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1 mile of National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT)
Water Resources	In Riparian Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Blue mustard)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1 mile of National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT)
Water Resources	In Riparian Within 200 meters of Spring
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Blue mustard) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1 mile of National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT)
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass; Blue mustard)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than applicati

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would provide the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1 mile of National Historic Trail (Old Spanish NHT)
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.35 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (East end of route) In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS6123 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/ 31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/ 31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/ 31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/ 31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.39 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Water Haul Site
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Barren In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
Special Status Plants	In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E)
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class III In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.91 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector; Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
	Water Rights
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 200 meters of Spring In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In, crosses Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Memo(s): Portions of this route were designated as closed in previous management efforts.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. The route may be used to access certified water right recorded with the State of Utah. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.8 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
VRM/RSC	Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In, Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, leads to, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Within 50 feet of Steep slopes In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.65 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/2 mile of Raptor nest (non-TES)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	Within 200 meters of Spring In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses, Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil Within 50 feet of Steep slopes Crosses Erosive soil - Low potential

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p>Area Designation: Limited to Designated Routes</p> <p>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1: CLOSED This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p>
<p>Memo(s): Portions of this route are not designated in the RMP.</p>

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. By closing the route, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: The low traffic volume and low speeds that characterize the overall use of this route would reduce the potential for continued use of the route to impact documented resources. This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Black bear year-long substantial
	In Mule deer winter crucial
	In Elk winter substantial
	In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
	In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
	In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In, Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
	In PFYC Class 2 - Low

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing the route to OHV use, the potential for future impacts to documented wilderness character would be minimized while wilderness characteristics of naturalness and opportunities for solitude would be enhanced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt D would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	County D 5179
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 2.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Low
Route Type(s):	Connector	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Origin:	Mining		
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Pipeline
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Monitoring Site
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (*main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Camping
	Sightseeing
	Equestrian
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	2WD vehicle
	By Horse

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (*used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (*rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed*)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (East end of route) In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	Mining	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Watering Access
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Pipeline

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Equestrian
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	By Horse

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil In PFYC Class 2 - Low In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Crosses Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

Public use of this route is limited to transportation type. The public may use this route by Less than 66" vehicle width, year-round. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recreational uses of the same or neighboring public lands, and to ensure the compatibility of such uses with existing conditions in populated areas, taking into account noise and other factors.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: By limiting vehicle width to UTV width or less, larger vehicles would be prevented from adding to surface impacts and route widening. Additionally, the potential for conflicts between users of different vehicle types would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Designating this route would provide targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Due to the low traffic volume and speeds expected on this route, allowing its continued use would contribute to minimizing the overall route network's potential for causing undue and unnecessary soil erosion, habitat disruption and/or vegetative damage. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Limiting this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and/or private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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 Kris Carambelas, Archaeologist

TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.7 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Equestrian
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.65 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Sightseeing
	Equestrian
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil (North end)
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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OPEN

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Route Type(s):	Spur		
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Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Antler Shed Hunting Sightseeing Equestrian Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
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Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Alternative D

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.18 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Equestrian
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	County D 5219
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 1.61 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Equestrian
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Leads to Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.11 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Antler Shed Hunting Equestrian Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle UTV ATV Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. .

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.64 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Equestrian
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.44 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial Leads to Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.52 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/31/2023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route would contribute to retaining or restoring vegetation and soil cover, minimizing the potential for soil erosion.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt C would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/31/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.83 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Treatment
	Corral

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Camping
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Equestrian
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle
	By Horse

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to State and private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	County D 5009
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 2.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Medium
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; Private		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	Private Lands
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Monitoring Site
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Camping
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Motorcycle
	UTV
	ATV
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Equestrian
Modes of Transportation	2WD vehicle
	By Horse

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland Crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Crosses Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In Inventory Class II In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This route provides access to private property and its use may or may not minimize potential impacts to documented resources. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route would allow continued access in this area for the identified purpose and need. This route is important for network connectivity, serving commercial and recreation users in this area. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by providing common access on an pre-existing route, reducing the potential for new disturbances from cross-country use or the creation of new routes to provide similar access. Under alternative B, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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 Austin Hiskey, Outdoor Recreation Planner
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA	Route Name:	County D 5008
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area	Class:	Primitive Road
Length: 0.89 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Use Level:	Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class IV - Major Modification In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.81 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
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• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS6119 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Antler Shed Hunting Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
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Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

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Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
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• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
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VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
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Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative C

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.13 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

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Does this route:	
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• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
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Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
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• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Antler Shed Hunting Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial
	In Elk winter substantial
	In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
	In Black bear year-long crucial
	Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)
	In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.06 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
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• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Y Intersection		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial
	In Elk winter substantial
	In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
	In Black bear year-long crucial
	Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
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Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
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Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

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Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
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	Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
	Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Facilitator(s): Cam Gale

Initial Evaluation Date: 11/19/2020

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.41 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS6150 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
The following items help to identify the <u>purpose and need</u> of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.	
Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Treatment Allotment Fence
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
Range Facilities	Pond/Dam/Reservoir

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Hunting Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

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LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.14 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; State Land		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
YES	
Route SS6150 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics	
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Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment
	Allotment Fence
Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)	
Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	State Lands or Park
Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)	
Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial
	In Elk winter substantial
	In Desert bighorn substantial year-long
	In Black bear year-long crucial
	Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
	Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)
<p><u>Area Designation:</u> Limited</p> <p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> LIMITED This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.</p>
Alternative B
<p><u>Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:</u> CLOSED This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.</p> <p><u>Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability. • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats. <p><u>How Designation Addresses Criteria Above:</u> Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.</p> <p><u>Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:</u> (no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c) • 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d) <p><u>Closure Method(s):</u> Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation</p> <p><u>Memo(s):</u> IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.</p>

Alternative C

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Alternative D

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OPEN

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
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Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this primitive route would not adversely affect wilderness values because the route surfacing is durable and the route is located in an environmentally preferable location.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.27 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Tank/Trough
	Pipeline
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
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Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. By restricting motorized access to the minimum necessary for administrative purposes, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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Initial Evaluation Date: 11/19/2020

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Length: 0.12 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur; Loop		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this primitive route would not adversely affect wilderness values because the route surfacing is durable and the route is located in an environmentally preferable location. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.4 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment Treatment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring Camping
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive UTV ATV Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial Crosses Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.24 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment
	Pipeline
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By limiting motorized access on this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive plant species. Per the 2017 Settlement Agreement, BLM is analyzing one alternative route network that designates routes in BLM-inventoried wilderness characteristics as closed to public OHV use.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

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Alternative D

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 1.01 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM. Route is open on USFS.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Livestock Watering Access
	Livestock Trailing
	Exclosure Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland Crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial Crosses, Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class IV
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In Riparian Within 100 meters of Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Public safety issue (Multiple washouts)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use could minimize the potential for impacts to cultural sites by eliminating public motorized uses from the immediate area. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area In, Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Water Resources	In Riparian
Misc. Resources	In, crosses Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Erosive soil - Low potential Crosses, Within 50 feet of Steep slopes
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Public safety issue (Washouts)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
NO	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
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General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class IV In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.04 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative C

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Alternative D

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.16 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Type	Description
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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.09 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class III
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.7 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Treatment
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 mile of Lands w/ Wilderness Character
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	Crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.56 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
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Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: None.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing
	Pasture Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

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Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial In Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.32 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	YES
Route SS6119 may meet the various needs of this route while minimizing impacts or cumulative effects.	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Treatment
	Gate
	Livestock Trailing
	Pasture Fence
	Tank/Trough
	Livestock Watering Access
	Pipeline

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting
	Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Pinyon-Juniper Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long In Black bear year-long crucial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long substantial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. This road is redundant because the public uses it provides are better provided for by existing routes in the area. Closing this route would minimize resource damage and habitat fragmentation.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.1 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
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- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Hunting Antler Shed Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV ATV Motorcycle

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial
	In Elk winter substantial
	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
	Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial
	In Black bear year-long substantial
	Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer summer crucial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
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	In Erosive soil - Low potential
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)
	In Route proliferation

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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
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Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.38 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Pasture Fence
	Livestock Trailing
	Treatment

Alternate Access (leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District

Link Access (does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses (main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Camping
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses (used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)

Type	Description
Activities	Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses (rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utle, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer summer crucial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass) In Route proliferation

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route was designated open to all users, year-round, as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently managed as a BLM transportation asset.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. Closing the route would reduce the potential for impacts to endangered or threatened species and their habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. Closing this route to OHV use minimizes the potential for route proliferation on public land.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to dispersed camping, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.07 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pasture Fence
	Treatment
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Livestock Trailing
	Livestock Watering Access
	Pipeline

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S)
	In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S)
	In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S)
	In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial
	In Elk winter substantial
	Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long
	Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial
	In Black bear year-long substantial
	Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer summer crucial
	Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char.
	In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential
	In PFYC Class 2 - Low
	In Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.2 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pasture Fence
	Treatment
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	Livestock Watering Access
	Pipeline

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Camping
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn substantial year-long Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1800 feet of Migratory bird high-value habitat Leads to Mule deer summer crucial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would reduce overall impact of vehicle use and route footprint in the area. Closing this route would enhance wildlife movement by reducing fragmentation. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (10/30/2023 M. Utley, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.36 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	
YES	
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	
YES	
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	
NO	

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pasture Fence
	Treatment
	Livestock Trailing
	Pipeline
	Tank/Trough

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle
	Stock 4 Wheel Drive

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
Activities	Antler Shed Hunting

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utey, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is part of the Freemont Junction Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In Mixed Mountain Forest/Woodland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer summer crucial
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class III - Partially Retain existing char. In Inventory Class II
Special Management Areas	In ERMA - Extensive Recreation Management Area
Misc. Resources	In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In PFYC Class 2 - Low
Resource Issues	In Invasive vegetation (Halogeton; Russian thistle; Cheatgrass)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

This route was designated limited as part of a planning and NEPA process. Public use of this route is limited to season. The public may use this route by all motorized modes, except from December 15 to April 15, when the route is closed to motorized use. The limit is applied to this route because of Elk; Mule deer seasonal range.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

Public OHV use of this route is not allowed. Authorized use can occur on this route, as authorized. This route will not be decommissioned and will continue to be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides access to range features, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country use or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. Limiting motorized access on this route would minimize potential for impacts to wildlife habitats.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

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Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Fremont Junction Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.5 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Primitive Road	Use Level: Low
Route Type(s):	Spur		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM; USFS		

Additional Information: County Class D. Route designation applies only to those portions of the route located on public lands managed by BLM. Route is open on USFS.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
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• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	YES
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

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Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Jurisdictional Access	FS Adjacent Ranger District
Lease Facilities	R.S. 2477 claim
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Pasture Fence
	Treatment
	Livestock Trailing
	Gate
	Allotment Fence

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

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Activities	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
Modes of Transportation	UTV
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Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
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General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (10/30/2023 M. Utle, J. Anderson, B. Jolley, B. Hallows, M. Dean, P. Caso, J. Chigbrow, H. Harridge, G. Bascom, D. Mortensen, S. Fivecoat): This route is one of the primary access routes in the Freemont Junction Network Area. The following routes make up the critical network connectivity for this area. SS6078, SS6079, SS6093, SS6110, SS6119, SS6121, SS6123, SS6145 SS6150, SS6151, SS6193.

Resource and Use Issues

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Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland
Special Status Animals	In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S)
Managed Species	In Mule deer winter crucial In Elk winter substantial Within 1/4 mile of Black bear year-long crucial In Black bear year-long substantial Within 1/4 mile of Mule deer summer crucial
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Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

LIMITED

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Alternative B

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

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- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

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Alternative D

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Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

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TMA:	San Rafael Swell TMA		
Management Zone:	Sids Mountain/Wikiup Route Network Geographic Area		
Length: 0.82 mi.	Width: Dual Track	Class: Wilderness Inventory	Use Level: Medium Road
Route Type(s):	Connector		
Surface:	None identified by IDT	Maintained:	Minimally by County
Origin:	None identified by IDT	Constructed:	None identified by IDT
Jurisdictions:	BLM		

Additional Information: County Class D.

General Evaluation Questions

Does this route:	
• either wholly or in part, have a right-of-way grant or is it simply an officially-recognized route maintained by a county or another government agency?	YES
• provide commercial, private property, or administrative access, e.g., via permit, ingress/egress rights or other jurisdictional responsibility?	YES
• provide a principal means of connectivity within a Travel Management Area or Management Zone?	NO
• exist as a result of a previous agency land use or implementation-level planning document decision and is managed as a transportation facility asset?	YES
• provide an important linkage between Travel Management Areas or Management Zones?	NO
Does this route provide network connectivity that contributes to recreational opportunities, access to specific recreation sites, public safety, or other public multi-use access opportunities enumerated in agency Organic laws?	YES
Might the continued use of this route potentially impact:	
• State or Federal special status species or their habitat?	YES
• cultural or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified in Agency planning documents?	YES
• any special area designations, e.g., National Monuments?	YES
• any other resources of concern?	YES
Can the anticipated potential impacts to the identified resources be avoided, minimized, i.e., reduced to acceptable levels, or be mitigated?	YES
Can the commercial, private property, recreation or public uses of this route be adequately met by another route or routes that may minimize impacts to the resources identified as part of this evaluation or that may minimize cumulative effects on various other resources?	NO

Evaluation Information

Commercial, Administrative, Property and Economics

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route provides access to the following facilities and/or jurisdictions for the purpose of carrying out administrative and/or authorized operations or for jurisdictional access.

Primary Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, and IS the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Active Allotment
	Allotment Fence
	Gate
	Pond/Dam/Reservoir
	Mineral Supplement Location
	Livestock Watering Access
	Tank/Trough
	Water Haul Site
Mineral Facilities	Mining claim

Alternate Access *(leads directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but IS NOT the main route used for access)*

Type	Description
Range Facilities	Spring Development

Link Access *(does not lead directly to the listed jurisdiction or facility, but is required to access a primary access route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Recreational Uses

The following items help to identify the purpose and need of this route. This route:

- provides public travel access to the listed recreation sites using the listed travel modes, and/or
- provides for recreational activity and experience opportunities in the area, and/or
- provides important route network connectivity for recreational access between two or more other routes.

Primary Access/Uses *(main route used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
Recreation Destination	Campsite - Undeveloped
Activities	Camping
	Vehicle Exploring
	Hunting
	Photography
	OHV Destination Route
Modes of Transportation	Stock 4 Wheel Drive
	UTV
	ATV
	Motorcycle

Alternate Access / Secondary Uses *(used to access the destinations or use activities listed, but not considered the main route)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

Link Access / Infrequent Uses *(rarely used to access the destinations or use activities listed)*

Type	Description
None identified by IDT	

General Memo(s): IDT review of this route's purpose and need (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): This route is part of the Sids Mountain/Wikiup Route Network Geographic Area. This route is an secondary route and is not vital for overall route network connectivity, however it does provide public motorized access to the stated purpose and need.

Resource and Use Issues

The following items help to identify potential natural and cultural resource issues associated with the location and use of this route. This route is located in, leads to, crosses, or is within a set distance of the following resources or issues.

Resource Type	Description
Biomes	In Mixed Blackbrush/Sand Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland In, crosses Mixed Desert Saltbush In Barren In, crosses Pinyon-Juniper Woodland Crosses Other - Wash, Intermittent, Perennial
Special Status Animals	In Townsend's big-eared bat modeled habitat (S) In Western bumble bee potential habitat (S) In Monarch butterfly potential habitat (S) In Fringed myotis modeled habitat (S) In Spotted bat modeled habitat (S) In White-tailed prairie dog modeled habitat (S) Leads to Yellow-billed cuckoo potential habitat (T) Leads to Southwestern willow flycatcher potential habitat (E)
Managed Species	In Desert bighorn sheep high-value year-long Within 1/4 mile of Desert bighorn sheep crucial year-long habitat In Pronghorn year-long crucial habitat
Special Status Plants	In Mussentuchit gilia (<i>Aliciella tenuis</i>) In Wright fishhook cactus (<i>Sclerocactus wrightiae</i>) (E) In Maguire's daisy (<i>Erigeron maguirei</i>)
VRM/RSC	In VRM Class II - Retain existing character In Inventory Class II In Inventory Class III In Inventory Class I In VRM Class I - Preserve existing character In VRM Class IV - Major Modification
Special Management Areas	In SRMA - Special Recreation Management Area Within 1/4 Mile of Statutory Wilderness
Water Resources	Crosses Wash Crosses Intermittent stream
Misc. Resources	In PFYC Class 3 - Moderate In Erosive soil - Low potential In Erosive soil - Moderate potential In, crosses Erosive soil - High potential / saline soils Within 150 feet of Cryptobiotic soil
Resource Issues	Within 1/4 mile of Invasive vegetation (<i>Halogeton</i> ; Russian thistle) Leads to Noxious weeds (<i>Salt cedar</i>)

Note: Specific sensitive resources, such as cultural resources, paleontological resources, or threatened or endangered species are not listed in this report for their protection, but were considered during the evaluation of this route.

Potential Alternative Route Designations

Alternative A (Current Management, No Action Alternative)

Area Designation:

Limited to Designated Routes

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route was designated closed as part of a planning and NEPA process and is currently not managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Alternative B

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

CLOSED

This route will be decommissioned and will not be managed as a BLM transportation asset. Unless otherwise signed, cross-country foot and animal use is allowed in the area.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Closing this route would minimize potential impacts to wildlife habitats by eliminating motorized use and removing the route footprint. By closing this route, traffic volume in the area would be reduced, minimizing the potential for impacts to sensitive species. Closing this route would contribute to minimizing the route's potential for undue and unnecessary soil erosion. The route crosses or is in close proximity to streams. Proximity of roads to streams changes watershed hydrology by increasing drainage density resulting in more extreme flooding and associated erosion and sedimentation. The probability of sedimentation into surface waters is also increased because of proximity of these routes to concentrated flow during flood events. Closing this route, along with natural reclamation, would reduce visual contrast created by the route.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Closure Method(s): Sign Closed, Natural rehabilitation

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Closing this route in alt B would reduce the overall route footprint in the area and eliminate public motorized use on this route. This would also reduce the potential for impacts to resources associated with this area.

Alternative C

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on a less sensitive route capable of accommodating the volume of traffic anticipated for the route. By providing a well-designed and constructed route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. By providing a critical trail connection that would minimize the inclination to travel off-trail, potential impacts on T&E species and their habitats would be reduced. By providing a designated route that reduces the inclination to travel off-trail, the potential for damage to wildlife habitats would be minimized. Route provides access to unique and/or exceptional recreational opportunities without causing greater than minimal adverse effects on documented resources.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative C, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).

Alternative D

Designation per 43 CFR § 8342.1:

OPEN

This route is open to all users, year-round.

Specific Designation Criteria Addressed and Relevant to Route Issues:

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (a) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, air, or other resources of the public lands, and to prevent impairment of wilderness suitability.
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (b) Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.

How Designation Addresses Criteria Above: This is generally the best location of this existing route for users of the area. Relocation to eliminate route-related impacts would likely create greater impacts to documented resources than application of appropriate mitigation or management of the existing alignment. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize potential impacts to documented resources by concentrating motorized use (rather than dispersing it) on an alignment capable of accommodating the route's anticipated traffic volume. Allowing continued use of this route would minimize the potential for impacts to documented resources by providing targeted recreation activity and experience opportunities that reduce or eliminate the inclination for users to travel off-route. Allowing continued use of this existing route, which provides the best access to active mining claims for maintenance and exploration, would minimize the potential for new disturbances to documented resources from cross-country travel or the need for construction of new routes to provide similar access. This is a County Class D road. The BLM will work with permittees, ROW holders, counties, and other stakeholders as needed to minimize any known resource impacts or user conflicts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Designation Criteria Addressed but Not Relevant to Route Issues:

(no known conflicts among users or no known resource concerns to minimize for)

- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (c)
- 43 CFR § 8342.1 (d)

Memo(s): IDT review of how this designation addresses the designation criteria (11/30/2023 Jaydon Mead, Daniel Kauffman, Kyle Smith): Opening this route provides the least resource damaging access to the feature identified in the purpose and need because the route currently exists and the area has already been identified for this type of public motorized use. Under alternative D, the impacts to resources in this network area would be minimized by closing other routes within this network area (see Appendix C of the EA for additional minimization considerations and mileage details for this network area).